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FLOOD WARNINGS!

Earlier this week increased rainfall levels forced Trent Severn Waterway to release water at a rate of 20 cubic meters per second from dams along the Gull River system, causing water levels to rise dangerously high in the village of Minden. The Ministry of Natural Resources issued a flood warning for the Gull River Watershed on Tuesday, May 6th. At midday, homeowners along the river received advisories from the Township of Minden Hills which warned of potential danger.

The notifications warned that "a Flood Advisory is being issued for the Gull River Watershed with a focus on the sections flowing from Horseshoe Lake through Minden to Gull Lake... There is a possibility that roads and properties within the watershed will begin to flood over the next one to two days. Levels are expected to be substantially higher and rise substantially faster than those of the

spring freshet in April." Perhaps the most frightening portion of the advisory was written in large letters: "Kindly be advised: Sand and bags will be available for residences along the Gull River at the Fleming Roads Shed."

On Tuesday afternoon, Dave Ness, a Water Control Engineer for the TSW said, "We have downgraded it a bit from 20 cubic metres a second. The reason we're letting so much water out is because we've received 35mm of precipitation over the weekend. Higher water flows are being generated since the time the snow melted. It caused lakes that are already flooded to rise even higher. The lakes are rising and we're reaching over our 'redlines' in storage capacity. In all likelihood, the levels of lakes will continue to rise overnight."

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Captain David Beatty arrives at Kandahar Airport.

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The Voice's own Canadian Forces Correspondent, Captain David Beatty, has finally arrived in Afghanistan. Please see his regular column on Page 5 for details. Captain Beatty will be filing reports as time and security allow during his deployment with the Joint Task Force Afghanistan HQ. Captain Beatty is the son of Bill and Anne Beatty of Haliburton.

Michael Ignatieff Plants a Stake in the Riding

Stephen Patrick
Editor

"We're the Party of the Dynamic Centre – We don't Divide and Polarize"

At the Lindsay Legion last Saturday Michael Ignatieff, Deputy Leader of Her Majesty's Loyal Opposition in Ottawa, spoke with about 75 card-carrying Liberals, including Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock candidate Marlene White. Ignatieff was on a whirlwind four-riding tour, not one of which is currently held by the Liberals. Besides Lindsay, stops included Peterborough, Bracebridge, and Collingwood. This foray by such a senior Liberal into rural Ontario seems to have been a clear admission that the party is worried about the perception that it's a "downtown party" with little connection to its more bucolic roots. "We have to be a party that speaks to the downtown and to the heartland," said Ignatieff, "a party that is equally at home talking to voters on Bay Street and at the farmer's gate."

In a strong, but low key 24-minute address Ignatieff stressed the pan-Canadian roots of his party. "The Liberal Party is a national institution that has held our country together for 100 years. The job of a Prime Minister, of a leader, is to hold us together in a country that is scattered out over thousands of kilometres.

It's just so much land, divided into five distinct regions, and we're strung out like birds on a wire."

At the beginning of his speech, and in deference to the Lindsay Legion's mural depicting the World War One battle's monument at Vimy Ridge, Ignatieff mentioned that he attended the April 2007 90th anniversary of the famous battle. "To be at Vimy is to understand how fiercely proud we are of our heritage – and when I saw these thousands of young Canadians who had travelled there to honour our past, I thought to myself, 'we're going to be fine, the future of our country is secure, these young people understand why we sacrifice.'"

He later tied the duty of leadership to hold the country together neatly with the sacrifice and heroism of the past, with an implied, but not spoken, bow to the Canadian troops currently serving in Afghanistan. He also mentioned two issues that are difficult for the

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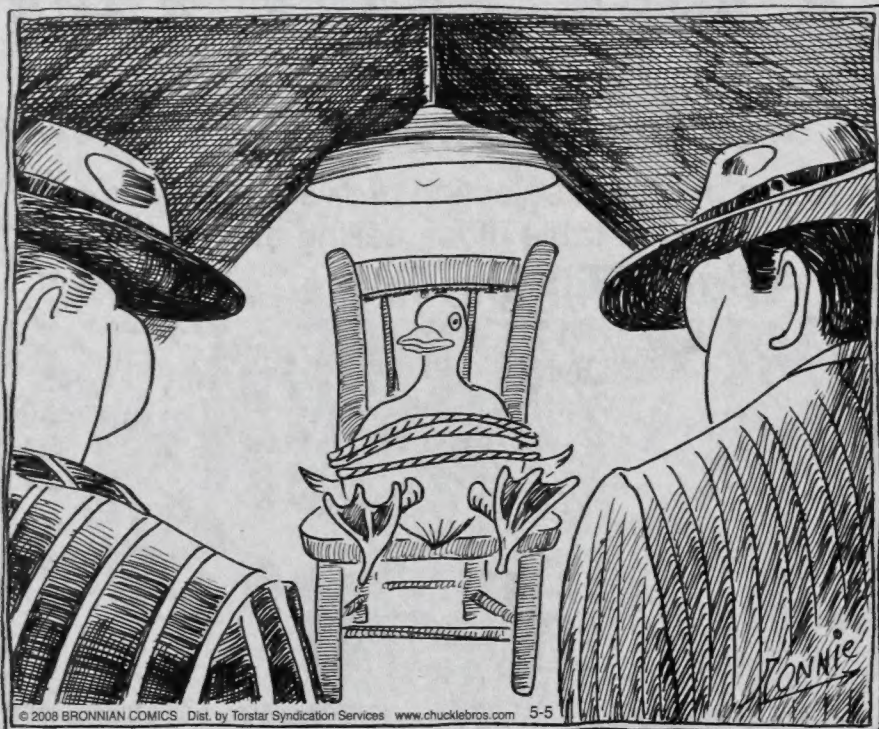
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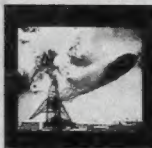
We were delighted by the report that Mark Arike gave on the Garlic Workshop that took place on April 16th. The whole evening was a huge success and we were encouraged that so many people attended – 90 plus. It showed us that there is an interest and/or curiosity about the possibility of growing good quality garlic here in Haliburton County.

To have a local paper, the County Voice, give us such great coverage was very much appreciated. It is to its credit that a community event was supported so well.

We thank you for a job well done.

Yours truly,

Sheila & Charlie Robb
Haliburton County Farmers' Association ■



Moments in time

On May 8, 1988, Stella Nickell becomes the first person to be found guilty of violating the federal Anti-Tampering Act when she is convicted on two counts of murder. Nickell put cyanide in Excedrin capsules in an effort to kill her husband.

On May 9, 1950, Ron Hubbard publishes "Dianetics: The Modern Science of Mental Health." Hubbard's book introduced a branch of self-help psychology that morphed into a belief system boasting millions of subscribers: Scientology.

On May 11, 1997, chess grandmaster Garry Kasparov resigns after 19 moves in a match against Deep Blue, a chess-playing computer developed by IBM. Kasparov, conceding defeat for the first time in his career, said of his decision, "I lost my fighting spirit."

On May 12, 1932, the body of aviation hero Charles Lindbergh's baby son is found less than a mile from his Hopewell, N.J. home, more than two months after the child was kidnapped. Bruno Hauptmann was arrested, tried and convicted of the crime. In April 1935 he was executed in the electric chair.

On May 13, 1981, Pope John Paul II is shot and seriously wounded while passing through St. Peter's Square in an open car. The pontiff, who spent three weeks in the hospital, fully recovered from his wounds. Pope John Paul II died in 2005 from flu complications.

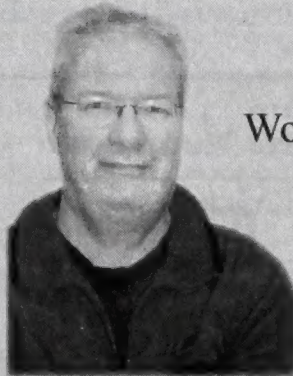
On May 14, 1796, English doctor Edward Jenner administers the world's first smallpox vaccinations by scratching cowpox fluid into the skin of an 8-year-old boy. Doctors across Europe soon adopted Jenner's technique, leading to a drastic decline in the spread of the disease.

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EDITORIAL VIEWPOINT

By Stephen Patrick

World Leaders and Ward Heelers and Just Plain Folks



I have a confession to make. I know it won't make me popular with many of you out there -- but the truth's the truth. Over my career as a political journalist and television maker, I met and got to know all kinds of politicians: the great and the not so great, the world leaders and the ward heelers, the honest councillors and the crooked cabinet ministers, the saintly and the simply venal.

My confession? I've actually liked most of them as people, as human beings who, for whatever reasons, are trying to do the best they can for the people who elected them. There is something very compelling about someone who, despite having all the usual human foibles and failings, is actually willing to put themselves on public display day after day in front of a hostile media and a cynical public. And these days, at least on the national and provincial scene, there seems to be little mutual respect between journalists and politicians -- aggressive, simplistic, in-your-face questions are greeted with short canned answers often dripping with contempt for the questioner.

Last weekend I went to hear Michael Ignatieff, the Liberal Deputy Leader, speak to the faithful in Lindsay. (See article on page 1) As an unreformed political junky, I'd watched the Liberal leadership race and convention last year in detail, and it had seemed to me that there wasn't a lot of instant sparkle or warmth in Ignatieff's public persona, either in walkabouts or in formal speeches. His credentials as a public intellectual and thinker were obvious, but to me the zing wasn't there. Those impressions, however, formed from television images, were dispelled within minutes of his appearance in the flesh at the Lindsay Legion. Slight, self-effacing, even diffident, he moved through the crowd with warmth and confidence, connecting easily with his audience. His speech was direct, smart, funny, unpretentious, and, to the assembled faithful, inspiring.

After the meeting I had a short private interview with Ignatieff: I wanted to find out how he defined his Party, now in the turmoil of opposition and with a new leader, Stephane Dion, whose debut has been difficult. Was it the Party of Pearson and Trudeau, driven by social and legal conviction, or that of Chretien, concerned with the practical day-to-day?

"It's certainly the party still of Trudeau, at least within the caucus -- it's still the party of the Charter of Rights and Freedoms which continues to have a huge resonance. In the 20th century I believe our job was to reconcile social justice with the marketplace: in the 21st century, it's to reconcile the needs of our economy with the needs of the planet, of the environment. There is no other issue that is more compelling, or more important. Mr. Dion's vision in this regard is powerful: how do we maintain an efficient competitive economy that is sustainable for the Earth?"

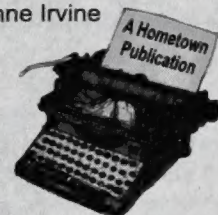
I also wanted to know if his crack about the Prime Minister Harper loving power but hating government was also a reference to then-Premier Mike Harris's dangerous line from his early days in power, to the effect that "I'm the Premier, but we're not the government." Harris was trying to differentiate elected officials from the bureaucracy in an effort to weaken people's confidence in public institutions, and pave the way for radical change. (That would be the charitable view of Harris' remarks.)

"Absolutely," replied Ignatieff. "The love of political power and the dislike of public institutions such as Elections Canada, the current target, is a dangerous combination and we're a Party that's going to fight that."

I drew some obvious conclusions from the Liberal Deputy Leader's visit to this riding. Firstly, Michael Ignatieff has become a very effective and likeable politician. Secondly, priming the Party pumps for 17 hours on a Saturday through four hostile ridings means he's in for the long haul. He is transparently loyal to Mr. Dion, certainly, but he still has his eye firmly on the main prize. And he has that indispensable attribute of any successful politician: he believes in what he says -- passionately and unequivocally. ■

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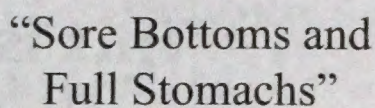
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The Road to Kandahar

A Soldier's Journal

by Captain David Beatty



Our flight over went very well. It seems you get a meal with every movie on the way over (considering we flew through eight time zones, I think I had supper three times) courtesy of our Air Force. For those who are used to economy class, travelling the last several hours in the back of a CC130 Hercules Aircraft wearing your full equipment makes even the cheapest seat sale look first class (and yes we got a meal on this part of the trip as well). So after a lengthy trip where our stomachs were empty, we arrived in Afghanistan and had our first meal.

There are three large dining facilities (UK cooking, European cooking and North American fare) as well as several gyms (I have yet to work out the correlation between these, but based on the food quality and consumption, I am sure I will be making good use of the gyms).

As we continue with our hand overs and trying to get our bodies used to the time differences and the heat those who we are replacing seem to smile more and more everyday. For them the road is almost over while ours here has just begun. ■



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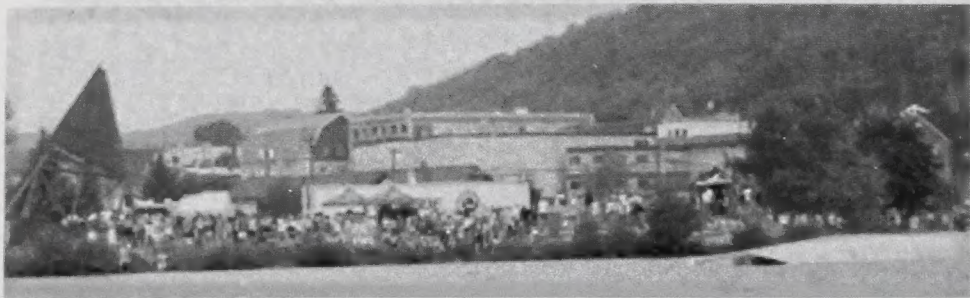
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Rock The Wake A No Go This Year

Terrance Gavan
Sports Editor



Rock The Wake organizers decided last month to scuttle plans for a 2008 festival, but Chris Nimigon would like to assure fans of the event that the decision does not necessarily preclude a return in 2009.

Nimigon, who grew up in Haliburton, but who now works for a Toronto radio station, is the chief architect of the Rock The Wake festival, and he said a number of mitigating factors led to the decision to pull the plug on the popular event.

"There are a definitely a number of different reasons why we decided to cancel it this year," said Nimigon.

One of the major stumbling blocks centered on the available dates that Dysart et al Council offered festival organizers. Ideally, said Nimigon, Rock The Wake officials and organizers were looking at a late July date, a time frame that would have dovetailed quite nicely with sponsor and pro-rider scheduling.

Council has already optioned Head Lake Park for other events from mid-July to the end of the month. The Highland Games reserved July 12, Dusk Dancing was booked for the July 19 weekend and Art in the Park is penciled in for the July 26 weekend.

Council did come back with offers of dates in early July (July 4 to 6) or August (August 8 to 10), said Nimigon, but both of those dates posed some problems because they conflicted with other events, and Nimigon allowed that crucial sponsorship opportunities would not have been available to Rock The Wake organizers.

Nimigon said that the presence of professional wakeboard riders bulwark the event, but attendant activities like the Ontario Wakeboard Championships held in conjunction with the 2006 and 2007 events also served to draw another demographic of participants and fans. There was also a concert series, a Motorcycle-X-Freestyle event, inline skating and BMX bike demos involved in the mix.

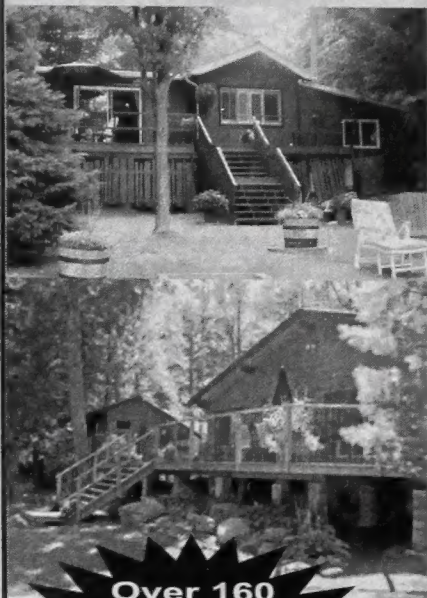
Nimigon wanted to make it clear that he bore no animus, nor did he want to become involved in a long harangue over what the former Dysart et al Council did or did not do for event organizers.

"I really don't want to get involved in a discussion like that because the reason we decided to cancel this year has nothing to do with council," said Nimigon. It's all about the scheduling, said Nimigon, who said that pro boarders have a very narrow window in the short summer riding season and they are committed for most weekends during the summer. The late July scenario was one of the few windows left open to the Rock The Wake organizers and when that date was removed as a viable option, Nimigon said that the decision was made to cancel for this year.

For his part Reeve Murray Fearrey told Voice reporter Liz Danielson after last Monday's council meeting that he had heard rumblings from fans of the event that Dysart et al Council may have been less than supportive of the event. Fearrey denied the allegations, telling Danielson that council had been very forthcoming during early negotiations, offering event organizers a choice of two weekends. Fearrey said that the event was cancelled some time after, without any further discussions with council.

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Kayaking, Camping and Music Haliburton County's Inaugural Music Festival 'River Fest' Coming Soon

Mark Arike
Staff Reporter



Although the popular concert series came to a close at Mark Christiano's Hair Lounge two short weeks ago, the hairstylist and musician has got some major plans in the works.

On the front page of last week's Voice, a headline read "Rick Fines Closes Hair Lounge."

To all of Mark's loyal customers, we weren't intentionally trying to confuse you. Fines did wrap up the concert series on Saturday, April 26; however, the hair salon will still remain open for business.

Now that that's out of the way, let's talk about Christiano, the Hair Lounge and the upcoming River Fest; "Haliburton County's Inaugural Music Fest", set to take place on June 27 - 29.

For the first couple of years, the place primarily served customers as a hair salon. It was seven years ago that live bands were first introduced.

"We used to do the music out of the hair salon in the beginning," said Christiano. "We used to tear down the salon on Saturday nights and set it up as a pseudo cafe. Then I decided to flip my salon to a different spot in the building and we decided to do it strictly for music."

Early on, the concert series was held between Fall and Spring. Christiano says that at least 50 per cent of people who came out to the shows were from outside of the Haliburton Highlands area. The space fits 80 people, making for a "real intimate setting."

"This concert series was phenomenally successful," says Christiano of the recent series. "We sold-out almost every single concert over the years, so it's been amazing."

However, most of the space in the building will now be taken over by the owner of the building who needs the extra room to run his own business.

Now, Christiano's says that his main focus will be on the local music scene.

"We're now doing bigger productions but are still working with a lot of the same artists," he said, while pointing to the poster for the music festival set to take place in June. "The Company" - a record label that Christiano launched - is presenting the event in association with Gullfest-Whitewater Ontario's Kayaking Festival.

"We've got some really good people involved in the festival," he says. One of whom is Verle Mobbs, General Manager for Canadian Music Week (the largest music and media conference in Canada).

The artists performing for the show are all Canadian and many have played at the Hair Lounge before.

"Most of them tour the world. Don Ross for instance is like the number one, finger style acoustic guitar player in the world. Dala, who are signed to Universal Records, have their video on MuchMusic, have toured with Tom Cochrane and Matthew Good."

Christiano explained why the Wild Water Preserve was chosen as the main location for the festival.

"We've been really good friends with the people from Whitewater Ontario. They have an annual kayaking festival called Gullfest and they wanted to add a music element."

So this whole thing sounds pretty big, right? Christiano couldn't agree more.

"This is big. There'll be a full concert stage, it's a full production. One of the guys who will be mixing is one of the top guys in Canada."

He adds that the entire show will be recorded live, which means that people will be able to purchase a compilation CD or pick and choose the sets they favoured the most and walk away with them on a USB key right then and there. This is a feature that Christiano considers "really cool."

"Nobody is doing that. But because of Metalworks, they're bringing up the technology to do it and that's sweet."

On top of being responsible for this major undertaking, Christiano has been working on his album which is scheduled for release sometime this summer. He gave a brief glimpse into what the world of music has allowed him to do.

"In the mid 80s, I had a deal with Epic Records. I toured and opened for everybody. I did the whole thing. Now it's along the same lines, but it's basically an acoustic CD of all originals. I'm recording it at Metalworks Studio in Mississauga."

To find out more about the event and to see when you can get your tickets, visit the festival's web site www.theriverfest.ca or call The Hair Lounge at 705-457-7587. ■

Another Province Puts the Skids on Uranium Projects

Liz Danielsen
Staff Reporter

Many residents in Haliburton County are sitting on pins and needles waiting to see if there is any reaction to recent and ever increasing requests for a moratorium on uranium mining and exploration in Ontario. It's interesting to note that while not much is coming from our provincial government, another province has decided to take action.

On April 24th British Columbia announced an official moratorium which effectively slammed the door on uranium exploration and development. While this move may appear to have come from out of the blue as there is no uranium mining in British Columbia, the decision actually reinforces a long-standing unofficial ban that has been in place for some time.

British Columbia first put a moratorium in place in 1980 in response to increasing anti-nuclear sentiment in the province at the time. However, the moratorium lapsed in 1987 and the government of the day did not see fit to update it, particularly as companies were focusing their attention on exploration of other metals.

According to the Globe and Mail, with the price of uranium doubling in recent years, a number of companies in British Columbia were starting to take a hard look at uranium projects that had been explored decades before. One company, Boss Power Inc., was posed to take its project to public hearings. In their article, Boss spokesman Rupert Allan told the Globe they weren't expecting the province's move. Allan said the decision made the company's deposit worthless. The company had described their deposit as containing up to \$1 billion worth of uranium.

This is not unlike activity in Haliburton County over the past few years by companies like Bancroft Uranium, El Nino Ventures and CamAm Uranium who have all conducted tests on most of the old uranium mine sites in the area and

are looking to move forward. Les Hammond, President of Bancroft Uranium says that the results of their drilling program are encouraging. Hammond also said, "We still have a long way to go to determine if the deposit of economically viable."

With climate change heading the list of environmental concerns and outcries about risks to public health from the BC Medical Association, the British Columbia provincial government decided it was time to take action. With their moratorium in place they join what some are calling the "enlightened uranium-free ranks" of Nova Scotia and the Nunatsiavut (Inuit Lands) in Newfoundland and Labrador.

British Columbia has also revised its mining regulations and companies are not prohibited from staking claims for uranium even when it is discovered by accident or as part of an ongoing project. The issue of staking claims is one of great concern to area residents and organizations like Fight Uranium Mining and Exploration (FUME).

Demands are being made across the Province of Ontario for an immediate review of our antiquated Mining Act. These demands are being joined by increasing requests by municipalities for a moratorium on uranium mining and exploration in Ontario until the Mining Act can be reviewed. So far, the Province isn't making any kind of formal promises.

When asked his opinion of the requests for a moratorium in Ontario by Haliburton County and its municipalities Hammond preferred not to comment. He did say, "The opposition is based on misinformation and references to outdated policies and procedures. I reiterate our belief that uranium mining under current guidelines and regulations is completely safe."

That controversy continues. ■

Rock The Wake on Hold for 2008

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Nimigon said that the event has always been self-sufficient, adding that organizers have never petitioned council for monetary support or extra consideration.

"Look, in all reality, putting on an event of this size is a lot of work, almost equivalent to having another full time job and I found that there was too much stress involved for me to run it this year," said Nimigon.

"The Rock The Wake event was very well attended, especially over the last two years," said Nimigon. "We were averaging close to 5,000 people per event over the past two seasons and I think it was a great event for Haliburton."

"There is really a split demographic at the event," said Nimigon. "We drew wakeboard fans, we had the local input and the cottagers also attended the event, and I think, from the feedback that I received, the businesses in town all benefited."

And Nimigon does want to assure fans of the event that nothing is written in stone, and that the glass is still in half full standby mode for 2009.

"Look, a lot of big events have taken a break for a year and they have managed to come back stronger than ever," said Nimigon. "Look at Edgefest. They have moved from Barrie to Downsview Park in Toronto this year, after taking 2007 off, and from all accounts it looks like it's going to be a fantastic event this year."

Local businessman Craig Bowker who runs Ski-Mazing Water Sports here in Haliburton (From the WigaMog Inn) was heavily invested in the event and he said that he was very disappointed that the event will be a no go for this season.

"Well I was involved as an exhibitor, sponsor and contributor and I was always a big fan of Rock The Wake," said Bowker. "I certainly thought that it was good for the community."

Bowker added that because of the attendance and attendant activity, Dysart et al Council might want to revisit some form of collaboration with event organizers in the future.

"Some communities will pay an event organizer for something as big as this, and I think we're seeing that right now, in Haliburton, there are barriers in place that are preventing an event like this from happening," said Bowker. "And unless council takes a proactive step, the organizers may consider taking this event to another venue such as Barrie or even Montreal."

Nimigon does concur that unless Dysart et al Council can present some form of compromise with a late July date in 2009, it will be very tough to draw pro riders or sponsorship opportunities necessary to make Rock The Wake 2009 a reality. ■



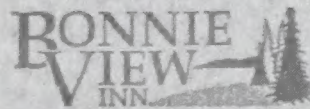
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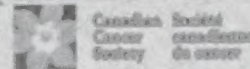
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Doctor Hoo ????

Lyn Winans
Photojournalist

OK, so Dr. Hoo isn't a real doctor, truth is, she isn't even a person, but that didn't hinder her from stealing the show at the first "Critters on the Trail" event at the Haliburton Fish Hatchery last Sunday afternoon. Dr. Hoo is in fact, a Great Horned Owl, one of five critters who won the affection of the crowd last Sunday afternoon and helped to promote conservation and good will toward all Ontario wildlife.

The animals who traveled from The Muskoka Wildlife Center along with Dr. Hoo were a skunk appropriately named Flower, Sam the snapping turtle, a bullfrog with the handle of Fergus, and Quillber, the very cuddly porcupine. The wildlife center located just north of Orillia cares for native Ontario animals that would be unable to survive in the wild, some due to injury and others abandoned by people who initially took them as pets.

The handlers, Nick Rensink a biology graduate, and Krystal Hewitt a wildlife biology student, gave a relaxed, but informative presentation. There was a lot of interaction, and the kids enjoyed some hands-on experiences with the animals.

After the presentation, the Magic sKool Bus shuffled the crowd to the trailhead of the Haliburton County Rail Trail where the Habitat Discovery Walk began under the first sunny skies of the weekend. The Event, sponsored by the "Friends of the Rail Trail", was the first in a series designed to promote nature education and appreciation along the rail corridors, provide access to green space for all, and to share the history of the railways in our area. The group has produced two short films tracing the history of the railway in Haliburton and hope to have DVD's available by this summer.

If you would like more information about The Friends of the Rail Trail, you can e-mail them at: friendsoftherailtrail@sympatico.ca. The Wildlife Center's website is: www.muskokawildlifecentre.com. ■



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Earthweek: A Diary of the Planet

By Steve Newman



Nature Overwhelmed

Scientists from Hawaii and California say they have discovered that human activity has overwhelmed an eons-old mechanism that Earth uses to keep the atmosphere's carbon dioxide (CO₂) content in balance. Writing in the journal *Nature Geoscience*, co-author Richard Zeebe says that the mechanism, known as "feedback," has been thrown out of whack by a steep rise in carbon dioxide emissions from the burning of coal and petroleum since the dawn of the Industrial Revolution. He says the process in which CO₂ is removed from the air through the weathering of mountains and washed into deep-sea sediments has been hobbled by the vast amounts of greenhouse gases spewed by human activities. The findings were made by examining 600,000 years of air samples stored in layers of Antarctic ice.

Warming Reprieve

A new study by German researchers indicates that there will be a respite from global warming through the year 2015 before worldwide temperatures resume the upward trend predicted by most of the world's climate experts. Climatologists from the Max Planck Institute for Meteorology in Hamburg and the Leibniz Institute of Marine Sciences in Kiel say that a natural variation in ocean currents will cancel out the effects of manmade greenhouse gases. They made that prediction based on what they believe is an impending change in the Gulf Stream — the ocean conveyor belt that carries warm surface waters from the tropical Atlantic to the northern Atlantic before returning cooler water southward in the ocean's deep. Northern Europe and North America should benefit the most from the delayed warming.

Chinese Outbreak

Delayed reports from eastern China say that nearly 2,000 children have been sickened by a severe form of hand-foot-mouth disease that has also killed at least 20 youths. The official Xinhua news agency reports that a virus, known as Enterovirus 71, has been responsible for the disease outbreak in the Anhui province city of Fuyang. Xinhua said the first cases emerged in early March, leading to accusations by the Chinese press of a cover-up by local authorities. The *Shanghai Daily* reports that critics say the delay contributed to panic and wasted time that could have been used toward treating the disease. While Enterovirus infections occur worldwide, the World Health Organization said it was especially concerned about the Chinese outbreak because of the unusually high number of fatalities.

Wildlife Poisoning

A leading wildlife group is demanding that a highly toxic pesticide be banned across Kenya after five hippopotamuses in the world-famous Masai Mara National Park died from poisoning, and four lions that fed on their bodies became paralyzed. Richard Leakey, anthropologist and chairman of WildlifeDirect, appealed to the government in Nairobi to join the European Union and the United States in banning the use of carbofuran. Leakey said the chemical was being "widely abused" because it is available at low cost over the counter at agricultural supply vendors. The pesticide is increasingly being used by nomadic people to poison animals that threaten their herds, according to WildlifeDirect. The group said exposure to carbofuran overstimulates the nervous system, which can cause paralysis or death.

Bengal Cyclone

An area of disturbed weather over the Bay of Bengal intensified into Tropical Cyclone Nargis. The storm was predicted to intensify to Category 2 force with winds of up to 120 mph before striking Myanmar's Arakan coast late in the week.

Earthquakes

Residents just west of Reno, Nev., are on edge due to a string of tremors, which have increased in intensity since February. A 4.7 magnitude quake late on April 25 cracked walls and shattered windows. Scientists warned that the shaking could be a precursor to a major seismic event.

• More than 100 people around the western Iranian city of Boroujerd were injured by a quake that also shattered windows.

• Earth movements were also felt in central and northwestern California, southern Mexico and Metropolitan Tokyo.

Who's Watching Whom?

Researchers in Britain have discovered birds can be aware that humans are watching them, and will alter their behavior when being gazed at. Julia Carter, a graduate student at the University of Bristol, and her colleagues set up experiments that showed starlings will keep away from their food dish if a human is looking at them. However, if the person is at the same distance from the birds but looks off to the side, the starlings will resume feeding. Carter points out that predators tend to look at their prey when they attack, so direct eye contact can predict imminent danger.

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Have Your Say... VOX POP

We asked business people in Haliburton how they feel about the cancellation of the popular Rock the Wake Festival?



Glen Sharpley, Sharpley Source for Sports — "I'm extremely disappointed. Our business was a substantial contributor to it. It was awesome for me because I sell wakeboards, accessories and other gear. Not only are we going to miss it but it worked here. It did bring extra people to the town."



Marilyn Wright, Bank of Montreal — "It's a sad loss for our community economically."



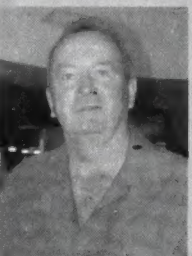
Brenda Coty, Season's Hair Salon Day Spa — "I think the energy part of it was real positive. It gave the kids lots of good experiences that they could take with them in life. I'm all for the kids."



Janet Sheehy, JanKnit's Studio — "Every time something gets cut out, it's detrimental to the community. Especially with the high gas prices now, you need something to entice people into the town. My daughter went to it last year and said it was entertaining. You have to keep things young for the younger people."



Diana Robinson, Haliburton Family Restaurant — "We were pretty busy at that time. It was really too bad. This was one of the biggest attractions in the summer. They should definitely try and bring it back."



Walt McKechnie, McKeck's Place — "I think the loss of any event is a loss to the community. It brought people to the town. Whenever you have something that brings in a couple of thousand of people, it has an impact."

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Rails End Gallery to Get a Face Lift

Liz Danielson
Staff Reporter

'Streetscapes' is a modern buzz word for urban designers and planners these days and the Rails End Gallery is keeping up with the times. Executive Director Laurie Jones presented the Gallery's vision for exterior improvements in 2008 and asked the Dysart Council for their endorsement of the plan.

The Gallery saw improvements to the building in 2003 where it was lifted off the ground, rotting joists replaced and the building put on its permanent foundation. Building systems were upgraded at the same time. The report provided to Council on Monday says that the exterior of the building, while adequate, is unwelcoming from the York Street side and is in desperate need of improvements.

The rationale in the report is that from every vantage point the building says "neglect lives here." What the Gallery would like the exterior to say is "This is where art lives in Haliburton."

Jones says that the Gallery's plans to improve the exterior include creating an outdoor patio on York Street and building a new barrier free entrance from the patio where two windows now exist. The project is planned to be completed in two stages. Phase I will be aimed at exterior landscaping and will include planting of shade trees, indigenous grasses and low maintenance shrubs.

Phase I also includes creating a pathway from the York Street sidewalk and replacing the existing ramp with something more suited to the climate and the needs of users. According to Jones the 60 foot wheelchair ramp is proving to be a challenge for anyone with mobility issues and its existing location is taking up precious space.

Phase two of the Gallery's proposal is to create a new entrance. The plan is to put a door in place of the existing two windows opening directly opposite the park side doors. The existing office will then open up to become the foyer creating more space and a visual link between the park and the new patio.

Jones also said that ultimately the Gallery would like to see an open air performance area and an artists' marketplace on the York Street patio. The marketplace would allow local artists who don't have their own studios an opportunity to promote their work.

The Gallery has received confirmation of \$40,000 in funding through the Eastern Ontario Development Corporation to cover the cost of the exterior streetscape. Jones says the funding is contingent on meeting all of the necessary requirements of the Municipality. She asked Council's permission to move forward with their plan.

A question was raised about the building having a historical designation and whether any dramatic changes would be allowed to the exterior. Jones says this is one of the reasons for a phased approach to the project and something that will require follow up.

Jones also reported that an application for funding had also been submitted to the Federal Government under their "Enabling Accessibility Fund" to assist in improving the accessibility to the Gallery. She also confirmed that she had held a number of discussions with Municipal staff about the permitting and planning aspect of the project.

Council was supportive of the proposal and passed a resolution authorizing the landscaping and wheelchair access on the York Street side of the Gallery. ■

Minden Flood Advisory

Citizens Prepare for the Worst

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By Tuesday afternoon water levels along the Drag River in Gelert had already risen two feet, as a result of similar TSW activity. "We're monitoring the system closely," Ness said. "People along the Gull River should check to make sure they have their sump pumps working. If they have docks out, they should make sure they tie them up well." Many people did not have time to fasten their docks, and by five pm water was almost spilling onto Invergordon Road.

Minden Reeve Jim McMahon was shocked by the last-minute nature of the flood advisory. "What I don't understand is, with today's technology, why did the Trent Severn Waterway just now realize that they needed to pull logs out of the dam? Water levels should have been monitored more closely," he said. "The good news is they've only pulled three logs out of the dams, instead of the four logs they originally intended. I don't know what would have happened if that fourth log was pulled. We would have been in real trouble." Although McMahon was clearly concerned about the possibility of flooding, he was confident that Minden would be able to handle it. "We have road and fire crews, as well as other emergency response personnel on standby. They're ready to go if the need arises."

Yesterday, we spoke with Minden Fire Chief Doug Schell, who said that no sandbags had been distributed as of yet. Schell says that a number of residents have been showing concern over the situation.

"I've had a few people call me," said Schell. "A few people have panicked, but I've been trying to reassure them that the situation won't get too extreme. We've just been trying to get them prepared." Schell has 3000 sandbags available, but says that only a limited amount will be distributed to the public.

Late Tuesday night the Gull started to recede by a few inches, but by Wednesday afternoon the river was rising again. The MNR's Kris Windover said late Wednesday that over the course of the next two to three days the Gull might rise another three to four inches. ■



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Museum Board Introduces a History in Pictures

A new 'coffee table' book of historic Haliburton photographs is in the works. Members of the Haliburton Highlands Museum introduced their book project to the Dysart Council at the Council meeting on Monday. The Museum members are hoping that the Municipality will agree to finance its production by way of a loan.

Committee member Nancy Stinson reminded Council of their challenge to the Museum Board some time ago to be more proactive. Stinson said to this end the Museum has hosted a number of activities and now the members have prepared a draft book to display the history of Haliburton. She said that one of the reasons for the book was to celebrate the Museum's upcoming 40th anniversary.

Stinson said the book which will enable the Museum Board to raise funds for future projects is aimed at providing members of the community and visitors with a quality hard cover keepsake. She said she had spoken with the local bookstores and people interested in genealogy along with many others who all have been very supportive of the project.

Sandi Luck, a graphic designer, is one of the Board members. According to Stinson, Luck is prepared to make the document into a printer ready PDF file, something which will save the Museum a considerable amount of money. The book will be advertised and promoted at the Home Show and Stinson said the Committee is hoping to get pre-sales at that time. Stinson also said she believed the book would be a very successful and profitable venture, so much so that the Committee is already considering another book for the future.

Tom Ballantine said the Museum has an excellent photo collection and after some brain storming the Committee decided they would like to share it in the form of a book. The book is expected to be hardcover and include 160 photographs.

According to Ballantine, the Committee is anticipating a cost of anywhere from \$15,000 to \$20,000 for 2000 books. They have put out 11 calls for prices and expect to have the prices back by the end of the week.

Ballantine advised Council that his Committee anticipates breaking even with the project within a year, particularly with the book launch coming just before Christmas. He said payback of costs should take about a year and from then on profits would be used for future projects.

Council voiced their appreciation for the Museum's plan. They discussed a number of options including how many books were to be ordered in the first run, what discounts were being considered and what the cost of the book would likely be.

Ballantine said the Committee had only gone as far as deciding they want a good quality book and that comparable books are selling for about \$30. In response to a question from Reeve Murray Fearrey Ballantine agreed the Committee would have a ball park price by the Council meeting next Monday.

Council agreed to give the Committee their decision on Monday. ■

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Carley Reynolds and her Big Sister Janice Crawford

Keeping the Kids In Mind

Emotional 'Sissy's Love Connection' Fundraiser
Unites Supporters of Janice Crawford

Mark Arike
Staff Reporter

Friends, family and supporters of Janice Crawford came out to a heart-warming fundraiser that brought in over \$5,000 for economically challenged youth in the Haliburton Highlands.

Held at the Fleming College campus in Haliburton this past Saturday, May 3, inspiration for the event was drawn from Crawford's dedication to her community, especially with her active role as a Big Sister for the past eight years. Over 100 donors contributed goods or services towards the cause.

Funds were raised by way of a 20/20 raffle, 50/50 tickets and a silent and live auction. The money will go directly towards enhancing the lives of children by paying for their lessons, supplies and other arts related items. A Point In Time Centre for Children, Youth and Parents in Haliburton will administer the funds.

Janice, of Jan's Hair Affair in Ingoldsby, has been going through a courageous battle against liver cancer for the past year.

"This is my way of giving back to the community," said Crawford who has already given back so much. In addition to being a Big Sister, she has been a volunteer for VICARS (Victims in Crisis), an active member in her church and an aspiring artist.

"It was a simple idea and was a nice way to get together with friends," said Crawford's sister Lynne Brady. "All of these funds will stay in this community," she added.

Scott Doam, a local resident and long-time friend of Crawford and her family, was really impressed by the turnout.

"I think it's tremendous. She's (Janice) been involved in so many things while holding down her job at the same time, which is quite remarkable," said Doam.

"My wife has been good friends with Janice for 20 years," said friend and emcee Stan Russell. "It's a great cause. It's definitely greater to give than receive."

"I am overwhelmed by the support of this community," said an emotional Brady in her closing remarks. "From the bottom of my heart, I want to thank you all."

Janice and her family would like to extend their thanks to everyone who have shown her their support during difficult times. ■

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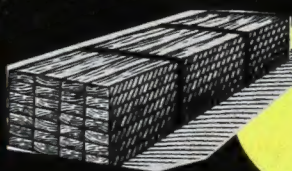
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Police Reports

Break, Enter and Theft at Maple Leaf Business

In the early morning of Saturday May 03rd, 2008 Officers from the Bancroft detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police responded to the report of a break, enter and theft at the Maple Leaf Country Store on Township road 62 in the Municipality of Hastings Highlands. Investigation revealed that sometime in the late evening of the 02nd of May unknown suspects forcibly entered the store and a quantity of cash was taken. Anyone who may of observed suspicious persons or vehicles at the store are asked to contact the Bancroft OPP at 613-332-2112 or CRIMESTOPPERS at 1-800-267-4357.

Female Charged with Impaired Operation

On the evening of Friday May the 02nd, 2008 Officers from the Bancroft detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police received the report of a possible impaired driver on Highway 118 in the Township of Faraday. Police attended the area and located a Toyota Matrix. The female driver was arrested for impaired operation and transported to the Bancroft OPP detachment for breathalyzer tests. A 51 year old female of the Township of Puslinch has been charged with impaired operation of a motor vehicle and operating a motor vehicle with more than 80 milligrams of alcohol in her blood, contrary to the Criminal Code of Canada. The female was released from custody and is scheduled to appear in Bancroft court on the 10th of June, 2008.

Vehicle Stop Results in Charges

In the afternoon of Saturday the 03rd of May, 2008 Officers from the Bancroft detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police received information about a vehicle and occupants that were in possession of a quantity of illegal drugs. Officers located the Chevrolet Cavalier on Valleyview Drive in the Town of Bancroft and two persons were arrested for possession of drugs. A 21 year old female of South Algonquin Township and a 25 year old male of South Algonquin Township have been charged with possession of a schedule two drug contrary to the Controlled Drug and Substance Act. Both were released from custody and are scheduled to appear in Bancroft court on the 24th of June, 2008.

Break and Enters to Seasonal Residences

On Saturday the 03rd of May, 2008 Officers from the Bancroft detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police received the report of two break and enters to seasonal residences in the area.

A seasonal residence was forcibly entered on Explorer Trail in the Municipality of Highlands East. Unknown suspects rummaged through cupboards, closets and dressers. The cottage sustained damages as a result of the break and enter and no property was reported stolen.

A seasonal residence was forcibly entered on Sutherland Road in the Municipality of Hastings Highlands. Unknown suspects broke into a garage and property reported stolen included a lawn mower and tools.

Anyone with information about these break, enter and thefts are encouraged to contact the Bancroft OPP at 613-332-2112 or CRIMESTOPPERS at 1-800-267-4357.

Cash Crop Siezed in the Bancroft area.

As a result of an ongoing investigation by "Project Longarm", with the assistance of Bancroft OPP, a Controlled Drugs and Substances search warrant was executed at a residence in the Bancroft area. As a result, an indoor marihuana operation was dismantled. This residence was also discovered to be a production site for Psilocybin ("Magic Mushrooms"), officers dismantled a sophisticated Psilocybin lab. Marihuana and psilocybin seized from this residence has a total street value of \$64,000. Marihuana and psilocybin growing equipment was also seized as well as a small amount of cash. Charged with Production of marihuana, production of psilocybin, possession of marihuana, psilocybin and cocaine for the purpose of trafficking is 28 year old Bancroft man. He will attend Bancroft court in June to face his charges. ■

Male Charged

Officers from the Haliburton Highlands Detachment have charged a Minden Hills Township man with numerous offences after investigating an occurrence in the Village of Minden.

This morning, shortly after 1:30am officers attended a residence on the Bobcaygeon Road and found a male party breaching the conditions of his recognizance. The party began resisting the officers as they attempted to arrest him and was eventually subdued and taken to the Haliburton Highlands Detachment.

Charged with Breach of Recognizance (X2), Mischief Over \$5000 and Resisting Arrest is Jarett Jeffrey Milburn 23 years of the Township of Minden Hills. Mr. Milburn was held in custody and will be appearing in Lindsay Court today in relation to the charges. ■

Male Charged

Officers from the Haliburton Highlands Detachment have charged a male party after responding to an assault complaint shortly after midnight on Friday May 2, 2008.

While speaking to a witness in regards to the assault complaint the officers stopped a pick up truck that was traveling down the Bobcaygeon Rd towards the Village of Minden. The officers had conversation with the driver who subsequently failed a roadside screening device test. The male was then arrested and taken to the Haliburton Highlands Detachment.

Charged with Driving with Over 80mgs is Brent Greer 22 years of Laxton Township. Mr. Greer will be appearing in Minden court on June 4, 2008 in relation to the charge. ■

Carl Dixon Continues to Improve

West Guilford Musician In Good Spirits after Australian Crash

Carl Dixon is now in full recovery mode at The Alfred Hospital in Melbourne, Australia.

Dixon, 40, was involved in a horrific head on car crash while visiting his wife and daughter. The head-on crash occurred on March 14th at Ballan, west of Melbourne. He was in a coma for a week and two days.

Dixon, a front man for the Guess Who, and former member of April Wine and Coney Hatch, is a musician who now calls West Guilford home.

In a recent post to his carldixon.com website Dixon said that, "as I sit here today, April 30th I feel like the luckiest man on earth. I've now been blessed with the knowledge during my lifetime of an enormous amount of goodwill from the people around me."

Dixon was traveling back from a recording studio at Daylesford, north of Melbourne, when the accident occurred.

He was recording a song for the popular Australian television

series The Saddle Club. His daughter Lauren, 12, plays the lead role of Stevie in the series, which is being filmed at Daylesford.

Dixon's wife, Betty Ujvari has been accompanying Lauren during filming of the series. Their other daughter Carlin, 16, flew to Australia to join the family in the aftermath of the accident.

"Today I asked for a list of my injuries and was startled to see how bad it looked on paper," writes Dixon.

"They are as follows: head injury consisting of hemorrhage and cerebral edema, right orbital wall fracture and sever trauma to the globe, fractured right C7 vertebrae, right pulmonary contusion, liver lacerations, pancreatic duodenum, right fractured femur, left fractured tibia, right fractured forearm bones, right open knee, multiple facial lacerations, broken right finger, broken left toe, and over 150 external stitches and staples."

"Please know that I'm working hard to get back on my feet and share the joy of music and the joy of life with all of you again," said Dixon. "I will begin to post my own news now that I'm back and well enough to do so. Blessings on you all, Carl." ■

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Battle of the Books

If you can imagine a union of Trivial Pursuit and Jeopardy with the only category being literature, you would have a pretty good idea of what many of the Archie Stouffer Elementary School (ASES) students have been obsessed with this past week. The "Battle of the Books" has been raging.

The duels have been played out on the gym stage, accompanied by all the fanfare of a TV celebrity game show, the traditional dramatic music, formal introductions and team props all add to the fun. Without a doubt though, it's the inevitable hush of the audience while the questions are read aloud to the contestants followed by the anticipation of who will be the first to "ring in" that generate the lifelike game show atmosphere.

Before any of the battles can be initiated, teams of four students are assigned a list of 10 books. It is not unusual for individual team members to read each twice before the competitions. The questions are based on any one of the 10 books.

On Monday, the 2008 ASES junior winners, "The Striped Reading Knights" traveled to Fenelon Falls for the regional battles and finished third in their pool.

Last year's ASES junior team, the "Masked Girls" made it all the way to the 2007 TLDSB championship and lost by one point in the final game. As winners of a very close and exciting intermediate championship match, the now older "Masked Ladies" advanced to the regional competition in Fenelon Falls where they placed first overall on Tuesday. "The Ladies" will once again represent ASES this year at the intermediate Trillium Lakelands School Board Championships in Huntsville on May 12th.

Winners of the ASES finals each received gift certificates donated by Masters Bookstore in Haliburton. ■



Holly Broderick, Emily Shapiera, Shannon Bittner & Laura Pottier

The 2nd Annual "You've Gotta have Art" Honours Gala Arts Council 'One Ups' Itself With Lively Event

by George Farrell

It was the evening of the year's annual arts love-in event, where artists of all stripes come to party, and to heap praise upon one another. The event is put on by the Arts Council of Haliburton County, and last year's inaugural event was loads of fun. This year it was held at the Legion in Haliburton, on Saturday May 3rd. By the starting reception time of 7:30 cars were lined on both sides of the street and filled the nearby arena parking lot. The Celebrations Committee



Award recipients: Rickie Woods, on behalf of the Haliburton County Studio Tour, Jim Blake, Erin Lynch, Jordyn Archer, and Charles O'Neill

did a bang-up job of decorating the Legion. There were balloons, silver stars, and streamers in abundance. The legion hall never looked so good.

Fashion-wise, the women looked elegant as usual, but perhaps this year the men outdid the women in the finery department with Barry (Bazza) Hayward, Albert Saxby and Eric Lilius leading the way with mu mu, acid trip top-hat, and English smoking jacket respectively.

The host for the evening was Brigitte Gall, who delivered her somewhat spicy interjections between the awards acceptance speeches and the entertainment.

The Haliburton Dance Arts group started the entertainment off with a bouncy piece which was much appreciated. Later on Justin vanLieshout showcased his not-yet-broken voice in a glass-shattering vocal performance.

Brenda Peddigrew read two of her poems, plus a well-constructed piece on birch bark, during which she mentioned that she would wear 'eau de burning birch bark' if it could be manufactured into a fragrance.



Young Artist Nominee: Justin VanLeishout

A video 'short' by called Stuffing, by that up-and-coming film maker Christopher King was very well received. Stuffing won last year's 48 Challenge, and it's about a scarecrow who comes to life and wants to endear himself to the farmer couple, in whose field he has been staked up like, well...a scarecrow.

Albert Saxby sang a beautiful new composition, ably accompanied by April Gates, and Kelsey Crowe provided the audience of 250, with ample evidence as to why she won this year's Haliburton Idol singing contest.

As for the award winners; Jordyn Archer, a talented dancer and musician won the Youth Artist award. The winner of the Emerging Artist award went to Erin Lynch, a jewellery maker, and the founder of the Art Hive. To tumultuous applause and a standing ovation, Jim Blake was announced as the winner of the Supporter award, and the Haliburton Studio Tour won the Founder award.

MPP Laurie Scott announced the winner of this year's Artist of Distinction Award. The winner was Charles O'Neill, perhaps best known locally for his meticulously crafted wire sculptures. There was great applause in response to the announcement, and Charles seemed almost overawed in accepting the well-deserved recognition.

With the awards over, everyone mingled and accessed the bar. The Mad Dog Band played their own inimitable takes on popular rock and blues tunes, and the revelers partied on into the night. ■

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What's in a Name?

In South Wilberforce, It Means a Lot

Liz Daniels
Staff Reporter

What's in a name? In some cases a name means everything. And that's the way it is in Highlands East when it comes to the naming of what was once the South Wilberforce Road. It now has two names which are Saunders Road and Wilberforce Road but it seems that's not the end of the matter.

South Wilberforce Road was a loop road where the community of Wilberforce first settled. A general store and post office were built. There was even a gristmill there until the railroad came. With the railroad came supplies, mail and ease of transportation and gradually the community of Wilberforce relocated to its existing site. However, the people still living on the South Wilberforce Road and many others in the community haven't forgotten earlier days and the community's history.

In the late 1970's a problem was encountered with Dillman's Bridge on the road and it was closed for a few years. Some time later an engineer's report was completed and the bridge re-opened with weight restrictions in place. Over the years however, the bridge continued to deteriorate and finally in November of 2004 the Highlands East Council passed a resolution officially closing it.

The closing of the bridge left the Municipality in a dilemma. For starters, they didn't have the funding to repair or replace the bridge. The second problem was that South Wilberforce Road had been split asunder and could no longer be considered a through road. At about the same time a 911 Committee was struck by the County and numbers were assigned to all properties. The Committee decided that in order to reduce confusion for emergency vehicles responding to calls they didn't want directional descriptors included in road names. Consequently South Wilberforce Road became Wilberforce Road.

The other problem was the road had been split in two. This meant the 911 numbers did not run consecutively and the lower portion of what was now Wilberforce Road had to be renamed. As that section joined onto Saunders Road, the County determined that it should become part of Saunders Road. The north portion remained Wilberforce Road. According to a number of the Staff and Council from Highlands East, there was an understanding that the change in names was temporary and once Dillman's Bridge was replaced, the entire road would once again be Wilberforce Road.

By dropping the direction from the name there has actually been more confusion as to this day travelers looking for Wilberforce often stray onto Wilberforce Road expecting to find the community. Even tractor trailers have been found turning around, having made the wrong turn.

There is a certain amount of unrest about the name changes, as many people in the community want to see the road called South Wilberforce Road in memory of the original location of the community and to differentiate between the two areas.

In 2007 the Highlands East Council finally received funding from the Canada-Ontario Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund (COMRIF) to replace both Dillman's Bridge and the Hadlington Bridge. With Dillman's Bridge being open again Council decided

to make a request to the County to have the roads officially consolidated again. They asked that Wilberforce Road once again be named South Wilberforce Road. Their request was denied.

According to Roy Haig, the County's Manager of Engineering Services their request created a bit of an anomaly. Haig says Highlands East's desire for the word 'South' to be included in the name cannot be allowed. He says this is due to the 911 Committee's protocol about direction being precluded from road names 'except in special circumstances.' Haig did confirm there would be no problem with that portion of Saunders Road going back to being Wilberforce Road.

According to Haig the Civic Addressing By-Law is general in its terms. A review of the by-law shows no reference to discounting the use of directions in road names. Haig says that these were simply the rules that the Committee worked under and they remain in place.

In addition, according to Haig all that is needed for the southern portion of the road to be named

back to Wilberforce Road is consensus from 80 percent of the residents in the affected area (from Hwy. 648 to the bridge.) In two rounds of polling, the Municipality was unable to get the required 80 percent and still need at least nine more yes votes.

Part of the problem in gaining the necessary agreement from residents stems from the fact that the letters referred to Wilberforce Road, not South Wilberforce Road which is what many of the older residents actually wanted. With the County saying that a direction cannot be used there was even some discussions of requesting Old Wilberforce Road.

To make matters even more difficult, Haig suggests that residents from the northern section of the road must also come into the mix as their 911 numbers will have to change as well. And therein lays one of the biggest problems. It's a hassle changing personal documents when an address changes, particularly if you own a business and it means reprinting business cards, promotional material and stationery.

And then there's the cost to make changes to the 911 and road signs. The County has a fee for changing each 911 sign

and for changing the name of any road. The Municipality will be faced with spending several thousand dollars.

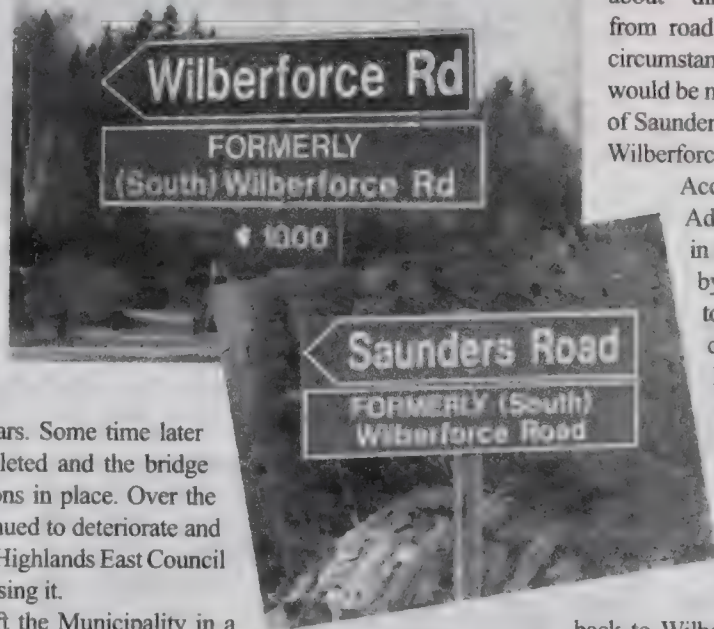
Several questions come to mind. First of all the Municipality maintains the road in question. Why then does the County have jurisdiction over its name? In one section the County's by-law requires consensus from 80 percent of the residents on the road. Another section of the by-law states that, "Municipalities may provide names for their own roads without necessarily having to get input from the property owners living along those roads." It would seem there's a bit of conflict there.

Arguments can also be made that special circumstances do come into play here. This road has a very special history to a lot of people in the area. By dropping the 'directional indicator' it's not quite clear to travelers just where Wilberforce is to be found. These points could be considered to be some of those same special circumstances referred to by the County.

Finally, even though a number of changes have been made there are still 21 roads within Haliburton County that are directional in nature. Five more include either 'upper' or 'lower' which should also be considered directional in nature.

And what about the naming of bridges? There is one more very scenic little bridge on the road in question and it's called the South Wilberforce Bridge. Then there's the South Wilberforce Church and the cemetery. Should they all be renamed too?

It would seem to this writer that there have been far too many name changes in Ontario and bit by bit a piece of our history dies along with them. This could be one change that might keep a bit of our history alive. ■



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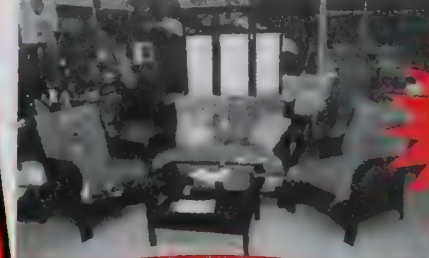


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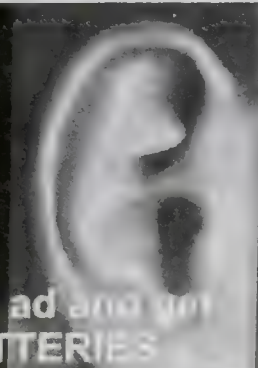
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Co-ordinator Melissa Alfano was pleased with the turn out of volunteers at the event. Individuals and service clubs alike turned out to assist with the program, and this year over 20 volunteers showed up to pitch in. Although this is only Alfano's first year as event co-ordinator, she has been involved with it since 1996 in other capacities. Her official title is Recreational Co-ordinator for the Dorset Recreation centre.



"I have the best job in the world. I get to come to work and have fun," Alfano said.

The Dorset Lion's Club and the Dorset Volunteer Fire Department both turned out to help with the day.

Daphne Curtis, who has recently moved to the area from Bracebridge felt it a great opportunity to meet other residents, and get to know her new town.

"It's a great day for this, I'd hate to do this in the rain," said Gail Hope as she and husband Ted cleaned up Main Street to Hwy 117, as part of the Lion's club volunteers.

All volunteers received a certificate of appreciation from "Operation Clean Sweep" and "Pitch-In Canada" for doing their part.

Aside from the obvious environmental benefits of "Pitch-In" this year's event had an added bonus: all monies raised from found beer cans and liquor bottles were donated to the "Karen's Quest" charity which raises awareness and money for the Kidney Foundation in memory of Karen Klassen, a little girl who suffered from kidney disease.

For more information on "Pitch-In Canada" and how to get your community involved, visit www.pitch-in.ca.



'When We Were Young' Live On Stage

Students and Seniors Work Together on Intergenerational Project

Mark Arike
Staff Reporter

After several weeks of preparation, 28 seniors and their young counterparts showed off their acting abilities in "When We Were Young"; a live intergenerational performance.

Seniors and Grades 5 and 6 students took to the Lloyd Watson Centre Stage in Wilberforce on Friday, May 2, for two separate showings of "When We Were Young".

"This has been a community project," said Shelley King, Master of Ceremonies. "So many people have supported this every step of the way."

For the first phase of the project, seniors along with students of Wilberforce Elementary School were directed by artist and writer Jerelyn Craden to produce a book of their stories. Craden, an experienced professional writer, provided her students with the writing techniques needed to pull off the final, polished product.

These collaborative, creative efforts between elder and younger generations generated a great level of mutual respect and better understanding of one another as the project progressed. As an additional side project, the pairs began to prepare themselves to take their written pieces and adapt them into a theatrical format.

During the workshops in preparation for the live show, students and seniors also had the opportunity to work with local artists to design props that fit their vision. Director Ryan Dawson and Stage Manager Kathryn Boyd also guided them during rehearsals leading up to the show.

After many, many rehearsals, the eager performers lit up the stage in Wilberforce with fun and touching scenes that took a look at life as a youth and times gone by. Some acts even had a sprinkle of slapstick comedy incorporated into them.

For example, in the scene with Dwayne Meharrie (Squeaky) and Pat Clarke (Mouse 2), the two play mice who run into and around a home, scaring the daylight out of its owners.

On the more serious side of things, another act called "A Story and a Message from Papa" illustrated the importance of choices made at a young age.

After the show, seniors and others involved spoke about the experiences that they had while working with the kids.

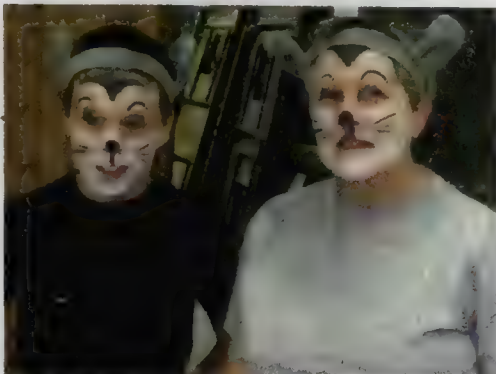
"It's been a bit of the challenge," said Hilda Clark. She says working with her partner Stanley was "really great," and that the main hurdle in the project was translating the written material into a stage act. "It was fun and you have to remember the lasting effect that this is going to have on the kids. They are going to remember this for a long time and it'll really help them with their communication skills," said Clark.

"The kids were so creative," said Jack Bartholomew. His "randomly chosen" partner - ironically enough - ended up being his own grandson Matt Hunter. "It was great seeing them evolve," he said of the kids.

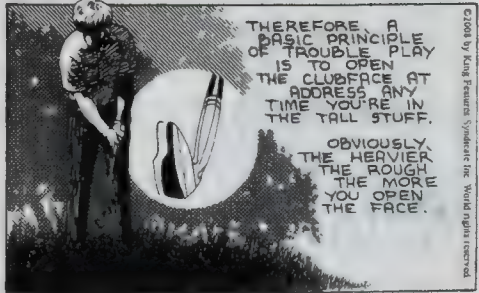
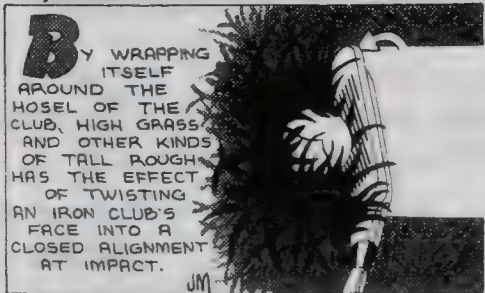
"They did a fantastic job," said Stage Manager Kathryn Boyd. "They put their heart and soul into it. It's amazing what they've been able to do in a short period of time."

"Everyone was game for it - both the seniors and kids," said Director Ryan Dawson. "They pulled it off very well."

Under the federally funded New Horizons for Seniors Program (which covers all of Canada), the Point In Time Centre for Children, Youth and Parents, and Community Care received \$18,300 from the government to get the ball rolling on the project. Profits from sales of the \$20 book will go to fund future intergenerational projects. ■



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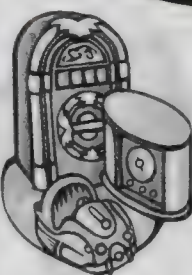
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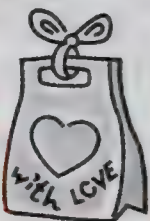
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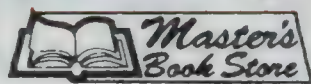
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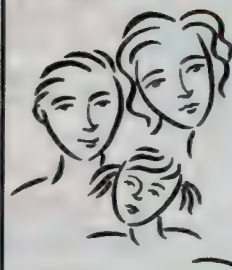
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Feng Shui Experts Show How to Achieve the Perfect Balance

Mark Arike
Staff Reporter

Katherine and Russ Loader, two of Canada's "leading Feng Shui experts and building therapists" paid a visit to Haliburton County on Friday, May 2 – Sunday, May 4.

Over the course of the three-day workshop, participants learned all about the ancient oriental art of spacial design and object placement that is intended to improve and enhance one's life and level of energy. According to the husband and wife's web site, "The places we shape, shape us."

"It's our 11th year doing this. We got into it because of our home," said Russ, who has worked in architecture for many years. "My wife got fibromyalgia and I had severe arthritis. My back, neck, hands and head started to tilt," said Russ while describing the time when the two moved into a condo together. "The doctor found out that I had Ankylosing Spondylitis (a condition that causes complete rigidity of the spine). If it were to continue I would be in a wheelchair in six months."



So why did Russ and his wife start to get so sick? He says that it was because of an object on the outside of their building that initiated the illnesses.

"There was a transformer by the side of our building near our bedroom and it caused an electromagnetic field. So we moved the bed into the living room and noticed that we started feeling better and my disease stopped getting worse," explained Russ to those at the workshop in the Haliburton Community Care building.

Shortly thereafter, Katherine began doing her research on the art of Feng Shui. She started to do some rearranging in and around the house and according to her husband, "unexpected things started to happen."

"We started to get extra money, found interesting jobs and networked with all of the right people,"

he said.

Since becoming heavily involved with the ancient techniques, the two have made appearances on HGTV, Breakfast Television and are regular guests on CFRB Talk Radio.

"Feng Shui is not a cult," said Katherine of the ancient Chinese art that originated over 4000 years ago. Feng translated means "wind" and Shui is "water". It is a system that focuses on the relationship between humans and their environment. Feng Shui's underlying principle is Ch'i; which stands for energy flow.

"Feng Shui is about how we orientate our homes and villages. If we don't live in harmony, the wind and water will overtake us," said Russ.

The couple went on to list celebrities like Donald Trump and Madonna who practice Feng Shui, and also listed some major businesses that have designed their stores with harmonious layout techniques in mind.

"Six Loblaws stores were created with Feng Shui. Those six stores have been their most profitable to date. Tim Hortons hired a Feng Shui expert to use the five natural elements of fire, wood, metal, Earth and water in their locations," said Russ.

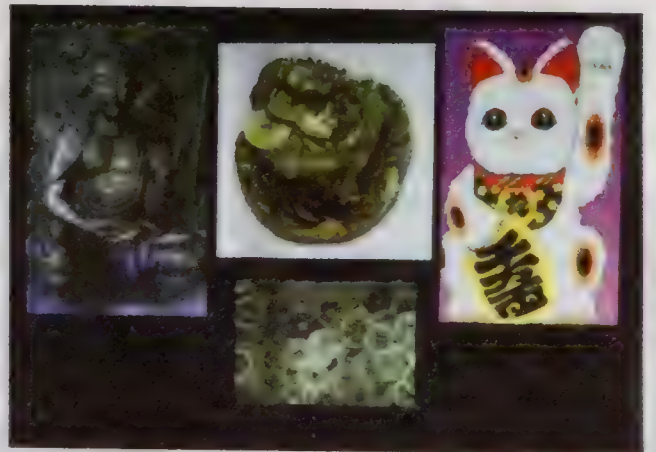
"It's all about balance," added Katherine. "Your home is the corner of your world."

On top of teaching Feng Shui for the interior of a home, the two gave advice on great garden design. That half-day workshop was recommended for those who wanted to improve the overall energy of their property, including the front and back yard.

This wasn't the first time that Katherine and Russ came to Haliburton to lend their expertise in this area.

"We brought both of them in last spring at a three-hour event at the Wigamog," said Brigitte Gebauer, Volunteer Coordinator for Community Care. "Everyone there said 'please bring them back for a more in-depth workshop!'"

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Students Refrain From Eating in Annual 30-Hour Famine

Over 150 students at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School (HHSS) helped raise over \$9,000 and felt what it's like to go hungry as they participated in this year's 30-Hour Famine. The fundraiser is a World Vision initiative that takes place in 21 countries and includes 1 million teens.

From 6 pm Thursday, May 1st to midnight the next day, students fasted to raise awareness of global hunger and poverty. For their efforts, students received 24 community service hours to go towards the 40 they require to graduate.

In the weeks leading up to the event, students collected pledges from donors and sponsors in the community. Six students managed to collect over \$100, with the most successful fundraiser being Carolyn Barnes who brought in a whopping \$225.00.

In addition to collecting money from others, each student pledged \$20 as a participation fee for the famine event. Funds raised go towards helping to feed those in impoverished locations like Malawi, Africa and North Korea.

With hungry bellies, students participated in a variety of activities during the day and night. They got to play video games, take part in sporting activities and enjoy some live entertainment. But perhaps the key part of the day that should be highlighted was the food drive. In teams, students collected non-perishable food items from the community and brought them to the 4 C's (Christian Concern Community Centre) building.

During the "World Famous Coffee House" in the HHSS gym, Don Woods of the 4 C's Board of Directors told students a bit about what the 4 C's does and congratulated them on all the food items they collected. He also read off some statistics that

outlined what the 4 C's accomplished last year.

"I was quite overwhelmed," said Wood of his initial reaction to the amounts of food dropped off. "It's going to take most of tomorrow to sort it all and put it on the shelves."

According to Woods, 782 food boxes were put together in 2007 by the 4 C's, which provides food to 65 households a month.

Gary Trapp, a local volunteer, also spoke at the Coffee House. Trapp recently visited Malawi, Africa to get a first-hand look at what life in the country is really like. He spoke candidly about the country's living conditions to students.

"The main food crop is maize. It's like porridge and is very bland. It has very little nutrients," said Trapp, while adding that fields in the country are dry because there are no irrigation systems. Therefore, people have to rely on rain for water.

He says those most severely affected by the food crisis suffer from HIV/AIDS.

"If you're taking the medications for HIV without good food, it'll probably end up turning into full-blown AIDS," he said.

Dave Bretzlaff, Lakeside Baptist Church Pastor, and one of the lead organizers of the 30-Hour Famine, said that widespread hunger and poverty are two huge issues that can be conquered.

"World poverty shouldn't be happening. There is enough food in the world to go around. The problem is sharing and the way systems are set up," said Bretzlaff. "The kids today are very optimistic and believe that they can make a difference." He added that the famine event is "really catching on and that it has grown over the last four years."

When asking students and teachers what they thought of the event, there were nothing but positive comments.

"The famine is the sweetest thing that I've been a part of," said Grade 11 student Mark.

"It has been a lot of fun. I'll probably do it again next year," said Grade 9 student Jake Elstone.

"I have a friend that convinced me to do it," said Grade 11 student Amelia Edmunds. "She said it was awesome and you'll have a great time doing it. I really feel that this is for a good cause."

"I hope they gain the experience of what hunger is like for those in another country," said teacher Phil Dulong, who was supervising students at the Coffee House.

To learn a little bit more about this yearly initiative, visit www.30hourfamine.org.

Mark Arike

Staff Reporter



Dear Abby

by Abigail Van Buren

WIFE IN MIXED MARRIAGE FEELS WRATH OF HUSBAND'S FAMILY

DEAR ABBY: My husband, "Vincent," and I have been together for 10 years. We have two beautiful children, a good marriage and a close bond with my family.

Vincent's family disowned him when he married me because of my race, and he's now starting to feel the full emotional impact. He is angry and disappointed with his family, but I know he misses them terribly. I have been called every name in the book by his mother, ignored by his siblings and brought to tears by his father's hateful words. I refuse to expose our children to that kind of treatment, so I have not pushed Vincent to contact his family, even though I feel he should try.

Abby, his family grew up hating minorities, and I doubt they have changed since we last spoke. What can I do to help my husband though this without exposing myself and the children to their ignorance and bigotry? I know our kids will face this issue sometime, but it shouldn't come from family. -- UNACKNOWLEDGED IN ARIZONA

DEAR UNACKNOWLEDGED: I agree that it shouldn't come from family. So just listen when your husband vents, because his anger and disappointment are justified. Do not push him to contact his family. They are so vested in their bias that it's unlikely they will change.

Vincent made his choice 10 years ago, and he chose you. And that is why, rather than dwelling on the past, he should focus his energies on creating a successful and fulfilling future with you, his beautiful children and the family who has embraced him.

DEAR ABBY: My wife has a terminal illness, and we have begun the unpleasant task of making final arrangements. Our children are all in their teens.

Our youngest, "Mitch," is 15 and does not want to attend his mother's funeral. He says he would rather remember her as she is now instead of in a casket.

I know funerals are good for people because they give a sense of closure, but if Mitch doesn't want to go, I'm not sure I should press the issue. Can you please advise?

-- SAD DAD IN ARIZONA

DEAR SAD DAD: My heart goes out to your family at this difficult time. I'm glad you wrote, because I, too, have reservations about pressuring your son. This is a decision that he will have to arrive at on his own.

However, no law dictates that he would have to see his mother lying in the casket. It is my understanding that private farewells can be made with the casket open or closed. Please explain this to him. Also, when the time comes, he may change his mind and want to see her. It's a very personal decision.

DEAR ABBY: My sister, "Mara," has a temper. When she gets mad at our mom and stepfather, she goes into our room and slams the door as hard as she can. It has started to damage the door and walls, and they're fed up with it.

Our stepfather told Mara that if she does not stop it, he will take the door off. If it was just her, I would say she deserves it. But, it's my room, too, and it will take away MY privacy. Shouldn't he find some other type of punishment so I won't have to suffer, too? -- NOT MY FAULT IN MAINE

DEAR NOT YOUR FAULT: Yes, in fairness, he should. Surely, with enough ingenuity, your parents can think of a penalty designed "just for her" -- such as revoking her phone privileges, docking her allowance or grounding her -- that won't penalize an innocent bystander. (That's you.)

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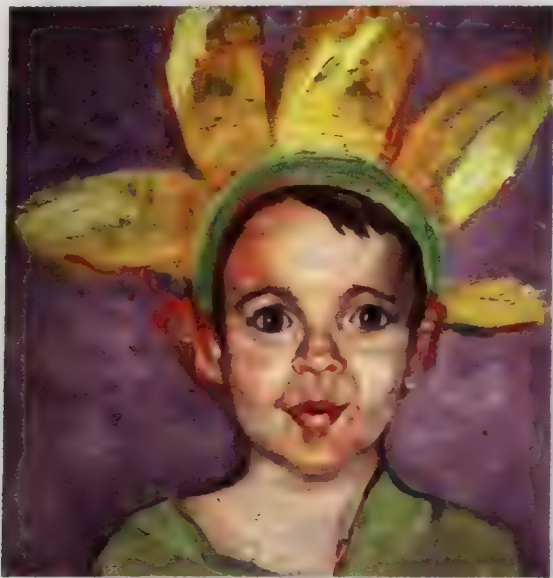


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New Portraits and New Lapines on View at the Agnes Jamieson

The Agnes Jamieson Gallery at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre is celebrating spring with two new exhibitions, both with significant connections to the Haliburton area.

"Portraits" by Susan N. Stewart shows the latest works of this popular and daring portrait artist. Her paintings are filled with wild colour, broad brush strokes and unusual composition. The artist has studied Visual Arts at York University and the Ontario College of Art and Design and her work is in private and public collections around the world. "Colour makes my heart beat faster. A beautiful line or shape can take my breath away."

"Whether it is a face or a landscape, what is important to me is the poetry in the paint. With portraits, my objective is to use poetic

brushwork and expressive mark-making to capture the beauty of the subject."

Susan Stewart didn't start out as a portrait artist: "I came top portrait painting via a rather circuitous route. The American artist Suzanna Coffey had a big influence on me. She painted nothing but self-portraits. I tried it and found it incredibly difficult – but I was hooked."

Stewart is delighted to be exhibiting her work in Haliburton County. Her great grandparents, Elizabeth Hobden and Joseph Pritchard both lived near Minden: Pritchard House was owned by her great-uncle, and Susan spent her childhood summers here. The late Vern Graham was her mother's cousin, and most of her family is buried in the Minden cemetery. This Saturday, May 10th, from 10 am until 2 pm Susan Stewart will be conducting an artist's workshop, screening a film about her work, and talk about her work.

The Agnes Jamieson has for many years been famous for its permanent collection of Andre Lapine paintings, which were donated to the Gallery by Frank Welsh. Lapine visited Minden many times, staying at the Hamilton farm on South Lake. A few years ago Laurie Carmount, the Agnes Jamieson Curator, received a call from the librarian of the town of Penetanguishene, on the shores of Georgian Bay. She said the library had received a donation of a large oil painting by Andre Lapine: the donor was a 98-year-old woman named Annette Burnelle, who had known Lapine well. Laurie immediately asked if she could interview the woman, and soon the two sat down for an extensive, three-hour talk.

To the great delight of Laurie, and the Agnes Jamieson, Annette Burnelle decided to donate some 30 letter of Lapine which have added greatly to the Gallery's knowledge of the celebrated artist. As well this past year she donated a further 20 paintings. This exhibit highlights these new and exciting additions to its collection.

Both exhibitions will be on display until May 30th. ■



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Coming soon in your Dysart tax bill

Liz Daniels
Staff Reporter

Inserts expected to accompany Dysart et al's tax bills caused a bit of a stir at the Council's meeting on Monday. Councillors Janis Parker and Andrea Roberts both voiced their disappointment in the content and appearance of the inserts and agreed to take the project on themselves.

Parker showed a sample of the Highlands East insert which she said included more detail and had better graphics, making the insert more informative and eye catching. Parker said she wanted to see a document that provided details on how Council are spending tax dollars, how the school tax is processed and include things like pie graphs showing where other revenues came from. And last but not least, Parker wanted to make sure that Dysart's insert looked every bit as good as Highlands East's.

Parker offered to put a new insert together and help with the graphics to get the information out with the tax notices. Deputy Clerk Fay Brown confirmed there is a due date by which notices must be mailed. Any delays can reduce the window of time to pay without penalties.

Parker referred to all the terrific things the Council had achieved and said she wanted to share that information with the public. She said "I want to let residents know about things like progress on the new library and that members of the public can sit on a library committee if they are interested."

Roberts agreed with Parker. She described the draft insert as "just words and something I would likely just throw into my recycle bin." She agreed that it would make a huge difference to make the insert more eye-catching.

Roberts also voiced her disappointment that Council had not been given what she thought was ample opportunity for input. She said, "This is the time to get information out to the public." Roberts also asked if the notices could be held back for a few days. Brown said she had intended to send the notices out the next day.

CAO Tammy McKelvey said the mailing could wait for one more week. Council discussed whether the tax notices should go out and the insert done as a flyer in a separate mailing. Roberts asked for an additional week which would save the cost of a second mailing. She said Council had been caught off guard with a fait accompli and were given no time for input.

Council discussed information that they would like to see included and how many pages the insert should be. Councillor Pogue asked that the 'information page' remain the same. He said this was something that he always put on the fridge and it was quick access to a lot of important information.

Council finally agreed to a four page insert. Mayor Murray Fearrey said he wanted to see the insert before it went out and both Councillors Parker and Roberts gave assurances that a draft would be ready for Council's review at their meeting next Monday. ■

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Eight Belles Tolls for Changes to Horse Breeding

Death Puts a Pall on Kentucky Derby



Terrance Gavan
Sports Editor

I watched the legs of Eight Belles in the Kentucky Derby replay as she tried in vain to close the gap on pre-eminent three-year-old Big Brown.

I watched the whip of jockey Gabriel Saez as he switched hands

to keep her off the rail.

I watched the determination in those eyes.

And I recalled that charming old saw:

Thoroughbred racehorses run to please.

The owners and the trainers who make their living off the smoothly toned backs of those delicately balanced bloodlines will tell you unequivocally that they mainly run to please themselves.

The last filly to win a Kentucky Derby was Winning Colors and she managed that astounding feat back in 1988.

Winning Colors was euthanized last February, following complications from colic. She was 23. She at least had a life on the farm after racing.

Eight Belles was euthanized shortly after she had quite literally run her legs off in pursuit of a Derby crown last Saturday. She was three and died painfully in what the track veterinarian called an unprecedented injury.

Eight Belles, unlike Winning Colors, had very little life to enjoy. No frolics on the blue Kentucky grass. No life whatever to speak of. And yet she ran her little heart out and died on an unforgiving and foreign patch of dirt.

NBC quickly turned the cameras away from the scene, knowing that this significant and disturbing scene might impact unfavorably on expected revenues from the upcoming Preakness, Belmont and next year's Derby.

Buck before morality. There was a horse dying on the track

and the NBC cameras moved quickly to Big Brown. During the walk in to the presentation area, Big Brown seemed more aware and concerned with the fate of the filly than the throng of humans gathered trackside. Big Brown spooked when he noticed his fallen companion and knocked his jockey from his perch.

Two ambulances rushed to the track. Eight Belles jockey Saez was visibly upset and immediately left the area.

Eight Belles' front ankles were both broken so severely she could not be taken from the track. "She didn't have a front leg to stand on to be splinted and hauled off in the ambulance, so she was euthanized," said Larry Bramlage, the Derby's lead veterinarian.

According to several estimates, there are 1.5 career-ending breakdowns for every 1,000 racing starts in the United States. That adds up to an average of two

breakdowns per day.

People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) has demanded sweeping change in the sport of thoroughbred racing, including a ban on whipping horses and the installation of synthetic surfaces at all racetracks.

Two years ago the hearts of race fans everywhere went out to Barbaro who sustained what turned out to be a fatal injury to his right hind leg early in the 2006 Preakness Stakes, two weeks after he had won the Kentucky Derby. Barbaro went through eight months of grueling treatment before vets were finally forced to put him down.

There are sports journalists who cover these events and they are becoming increasingly aware that something is desperately wrong with the sport.

There is a growing awareness out there that inbreeding is leading to a drastic decline in the robustness of the line.

Selective breeding of racehorses, some say, is developing chock a block toward a notion of speed over the full-bodied qualities, which used to be prized in the breed. There is something to be said for hybrid vigor.

"There's no question that we have seen an emphasis on precocity and speed," said Bill Casner (in an SI.com piece last Sunday), co-owner of WinStar Farm, whose Colonel John was the No. 2 betting choice in the Kentucky Derby after winning the Santa Anita Derby. "You see faster horses running on smaller feet and smaller limbs. To me, that's another position in support of synthetic surfaces."

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Haliburton High Junior Rugby Drops Close Contest

Cobourg East Nudge Redhawks
12 to Nil

Terrance Gavan
Sports Editor

There is a steep learning curve involved in developing a comfort level with the finer nuance of an ancient game.

Just ask the Haliburton High Junior Rugby team, who played their collective hearts' out in a losing cause, on the not-quite-yet-pliant turf of Haliburton High's rough and rugged Rugby Pitch (nee football field), last Tuesday afternoon.

The Redhawks ended up losing a close 12-nil decision to Cobourg East, but according to coach Kevin Ray they will be taking a lot of positive karma away from this game.

"Well this is our first game of the season and I think that we played really well," said Ray.

Indeed, this was the first live game exposure to the sport of rugby for most of the Haliburton High juniors. Many of the Redhawks play football, but as they soon discovered, rugby is a game that defies any real comparison to North American football.

Cobourg had already played two games and, in the early slogging especially, that early season experience paid heady dividends.

Cobourg managed a score on a try early in the first half, to go up 5-nil. But after that initial bump, the Haliburton squad shook off early jitters and managed to rally at both ends of the pitch. Haliburton's open field tackles held the more experienced Cobourg squad at bay for the rest of the half and the teams went to the intermission with the Hawks down by five.

The Cobourg East club scored on another try in the second half and added a point after kick to stretch the lead to 12-nil.

The Redhawks did have one excellent scoring chance in the game, but were held up just inches shy of converting a try.

"We have some things to work on," said Ray, "but we have something to take to practice."

The Junior Boys Rugby team plays St. Thomas Aquinas at home on Friday (tomorrow) at 1 PM.

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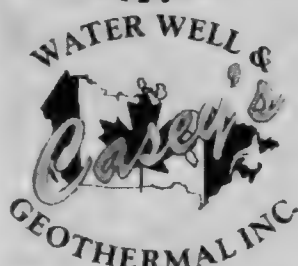
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Flat Stanley greets the Voice Staff: Joel, Brett, Stephen, Joanne



Flat Stanley gets inside one of Sandra Stewart's portraits at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery

Flat Stanley Visits the Voice

Stephen Patrick
Editor

Last week my every editorial move (well, some of them, at least) have been shadowed by a small, colourful, but very flat person known to his friends as Flat Stanley. This particular Flat Stanley was created by seven-year-old Ethan Johnson in Stephanie Metzger's Grade Two class at Stuart Baker Elementary School in Haliburton. Ethan mailed me his Flat Stanley a few weeks ago, and requested that the little fellow follow me during a typical work week. Just who is Flat Stanley and what was he doing looking over my shoulder?

Flat Stanley started life as the title character in a 1964 children's book: he's flattened when a bulletin board falls on him. Stanley survives, and has a great time sliding under doors, pretending he's a kite, and most important, being mailed to his friends for visits. In the early 1990s Dale Hubert, a London ON teacher, started the Flat Stanley project as a way to encourage schoolchildren to communicate with their friends. Eventually the project was adapted so that through Flat Stanley, children could increase their knowledge of their community. The project received world-wide attention when Hollywood's Clint Eastwood took his daughter's Flat Stanley to the Academy Awards. Here at home then-Prime Minister Paul Martin took a "Flat Mark" to his cabinet's swearing in ceremony in Ottawa in 2003.

So Flat Stanley and I, along with the staff of the Voice, have had a lot of fun this past week introducing Stan to some of our interviewees and carrying him about. Our thanks to Laurie Carmount at the Agnes Jamieson, Michael Ignatieff, and the Voice staff for their co-operation. And thanks to Ethan Johnson for involving the Voice in this fun and useful project. ■



Mr. Stanley listens in to an interview



Above Right: Ethan Johnson with his Flat Stanley at Stuart Baker



Above Right: Flat Stanley interviews Michael Ignatieff and Marlene White



Above: Flat Stanley poses with Ethan and his Grade Two buddies

Flat Stanley had an entertaining and busy week with us at the Voice. He was smart, quiet, and eager to learn. He was also always on time. We'd hire him any day!



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Paul James Rocks the House at McKecks

Terrance Gavan
Staff Reporter

It's another Saturday night. It's late. Paul James still has another set to play before heading back to Toronto with the band in the van, on a dark and rain-drenched highway.

James is backstage at McKeck's Place with a reporter, affable, obliging and, at midnight, still as fresh as he was when he started his scorching show at 9:30. He's 57, but looks 40 and he plays

& Roll legends, the word entertainer is not a description that he takes lightly. Entertainer is defined by commitment, passion, flair and that intangible, respect for the craft. It's taken years for James to perfect the riffs and longer to incorporate the special presence that define his stage persona.

Generally recognized as one of Canada's greatest R&B guitarists, James brings all of his ebullient personality to the stage. Once on the dais he is both engaged and engaging. James has been around the local club scene in Toronto for four decades. Give this man credit. He brings it every night. There is no such thing as "mailing it in" for Paul James. According to James, people come to see a show, and if that show includes the Paul James band, well, those people are going to get their money's worth. Full measure, no



guitar like he was born to it.

From the opening note, he is the consummate performer. His unique blend of rockabilly, blazing blues and greased lightning R&B, grasps and holds the packed house at McKeck's Place, and he doesn't let them go until the last bars of the final set have drifted off into the dark Haliburton night.

The dance floor is packed, the guests transported to a magical time when bands played to the house and not to their ego.

"I'm a late bloomer," laughs James, backstage in the Hangar between sets. "I've been out there for a long time and I really feel like I've been blessed." He has just come out of the second set. Every song he plays, from blues standards to Bob Dylan circa 1965 Newport Folk Festival, are tinged with that special James' magic.

He brings a chunk of his persona to every song, from Johnny Be Good to Louis, Louis, he delivers. He plays to the crowd and they gravitate en masse toward the dance floor, because the music is genuine and the guitar riffs are pure and seamless.

"In 1973 I played with Bo Diddley, and it's important, because Bo Diddley and Chuck Berry, they're the real fathers of Rock & Roll," says James.

"But, back then in 1973, when I had an opportunity to play with Bo Diddley, that's when I knew that I wanted to be an entertainer." And he smiles.

And for James, whose show is, in a very real way, an homage to the Rockabilly and Rock

stop.

Paul James is a Juno Award winner in the Best Roots and Traditional Music category. He has received two Toronto Music awards for Best Club Band and Best Blues Artist.

Back in 1983, when Willy DeVille was putting together a band for a European tour, he asked around. He needed someone who could play. And not just play but bring tightness and accuracy to the R&B sound. Not surprising then that Willy DeVille peered long and hard down the copious list of available North American guitarists and came up with one name: Paul James.

James says that touring Europe with the Mink DeVille band in 1983 was one of the highlights of his early career. But ask him if that's any more important than playing McKeck's Place on a rainy night in May and he'll just shake his head. Nope. Never. The music is important and the people fuel the night.

"I love this life, and I'm very lucky because I found my calling and I've been blessed with being able to play for 30 years with the same band, and to me that's an accomplishment," says James.

Through the night, Paul James is the consummate showman, hearkening an unfettered and freewheeling style, replete with the special tricks of his stage trade. During a performance on any given night, James will delight the crowd with his trademark behind the head guitar, supplemented by the killer twirl. He plays slide with the mike stand or a

Legendary Toronto Guitarist Brings his Act to Haliburton

beer bottle. It doesn't matter.

"I was having a bit of trouble up there with the twirl tonight, because I didn't have much room on the stage, and you know, it wouldn't look good to take somebody's head off," laughs James. Back in the eighties James went wireless to incorporate his twirl and behind the back guitar riffs, but it also comes in handy when he cakewalks through the crowd on the crowded dance floor. "Before I went wireless, I used to do the crowd walk, but people were always stepping on the cord," says James, chuckling. "And the twirl was a real mess because the cord

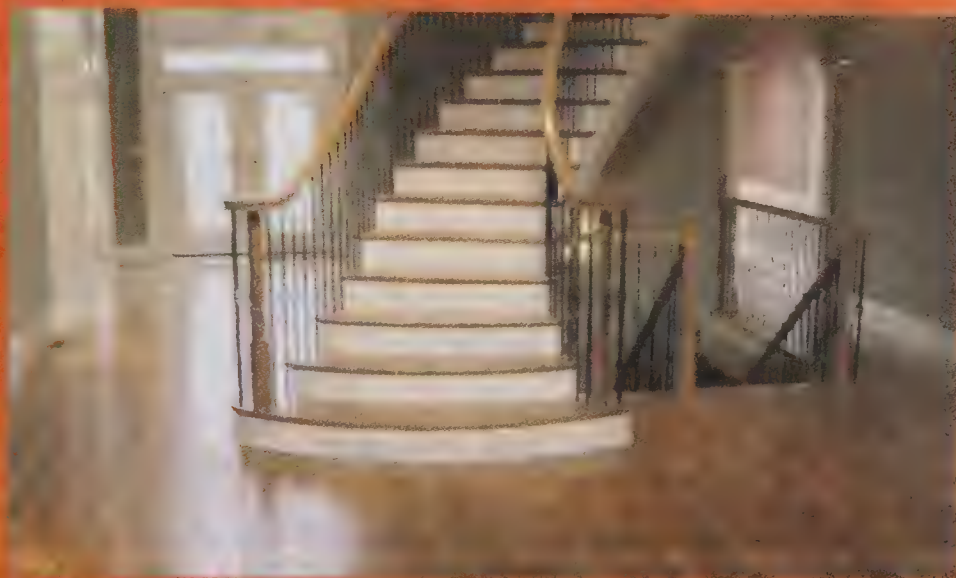
would get wrapped around my legs."

Sometimes the cakewalk produces results with stunning ramifications. Witness a Globe and Mail report from 1999 detailing Paul James's brush with destiny at a Toronto nightclub.

"Sometimes it does pay to play the clown. Just ask Toronto bluesman Paul James. Way back when, in 1986, James was hamming it up in his trademark style at a Nag's Head North gig. Wearing a crazy, ruffled, purple tuxedo shirt, James boogied over to the bar. He was

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Hospice Hike Huge Hit

Tyson Farrell
Staff Reporter



For more than a month, SIRCH Haliburton has been raising funds for the Community Hospice. On Sunday May 4th, more than 100 volunteers and participants gathered at Fleming College to take part in the annual Hike for Hospice. By walking six kilometers around Head Lake Trail, or by talking a one kilometer stroll through the Sculpture Forest, participants showed their unity, and wrapped up this year's fundraising campaign. The campaign was an unprecedented success, with a record number of participants raising almost nine thousand dollars.

The SIRCH Community Hospice has a mandate to provide care for people with terminal illnesses. According to Hospice Association of Ontario, "Only one in five seriously ill Canadians receive Hospice palliative care. So often, by the time people find out about their local hospice, they and their family members are already in crisis - trying to deal with the

death of a loved one and not knowing where to turn." The volunteers of the SIRCH Hospice want to prevent such crises from occurring. "The Hospice does receive some funding from the government," says Hike for Hospice organizer Marilyn Rydberg. "The amount of funding we receive hasn't increased in ten years, even though the population we provide services for has doubled." Many communities have hospice buildings in which patients can stay. There is no such building within Haliburton County. "We hope to have an actual Hospice building in the future," Rydberg says. "But that would require a great amount of funds. Until then, we will continue providing care for patients in their homes."

"This year's fundraiser has gone very well. I was afraid the weather would prevent people from coming out, but it hasn't," Rydberg speaks. "The municipality has been supportive. Reeve Murray Fearrey and other councilors have been very encouraging. Local radio stations, newspapers, and businesses also have been. Haliburton is a community that understands what hospices are about."

The scene in Fleming's Great Hall was a testament to how much Haliburton cared. The Hall was filled with participants, volunteers, and even a face-painting clown. Everybody was excited to be there, and eager to raise funds for the hospice. Hospice volunteer John Proctor commented, "The hospice needs all the funds it can get. Great amounts of money go to the local hospitals. Hospitals are essential, but so are hospices. People don't think about hospices until they need their services."

"The Hike for Hospice is very important because those who are really sick much rather be at home," explains participant Doug Nash. "There is security at home. It's just nice having someone coming in, talking to them, and comforting them. The SIRCH Hospice provides this care."

Fortunately for all whom participated, the rain held out, and the hike was allowed to proceed unhindered. Participants walked, jogged, and biked around Haliburton, while enjoying the crisp spring weather. As they completed their fundraiser, participants were content, realizing that they had succeeded in raising a handsome sum for a very worthy cause. ■

Paul James Cont'd....

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playing with one hand and drinking a beer with the other when, lo and behold, Bob Dylan jumped up right in front of him. Yes, that Bob Dylan. The legendary folk-rock star was impressed. James, a Dylan fan since he 'first heard him,' thought he was hallucinating. Dylan joined him on stage. 'Just introduce me as the hitchhiker from Vancouver,' he told James."

That impromptu meeting in 1986 led to a return engagement at Buffalo's Midland Arena in 1999, where Dylan was playing a gig and spotted James in the crowd. Dylan told the crowd that he had a friend in the house and asked James to come up and join him. Together they played Highway 61 and Like a Rolling Stone, then came back for an encore of Leopard Skin Pillbox Hat and Buddy Holly's Not Fade Away.

Mink De Ville, Bo Diddley, Dylan, John Hammond, Spencer Davis, Lightnin' Hopkins, Jack Scott and Sunnyland Slim. Paul James has played with them all.

But at the end of the night, James salutes the crowd at McKeck's and thanks them for the evening.

Because Paul James, 40 years into the journey, gets it. It's the crowd that makes the show.

Like he says: "Every day I get to play for people; it's a good day." ■

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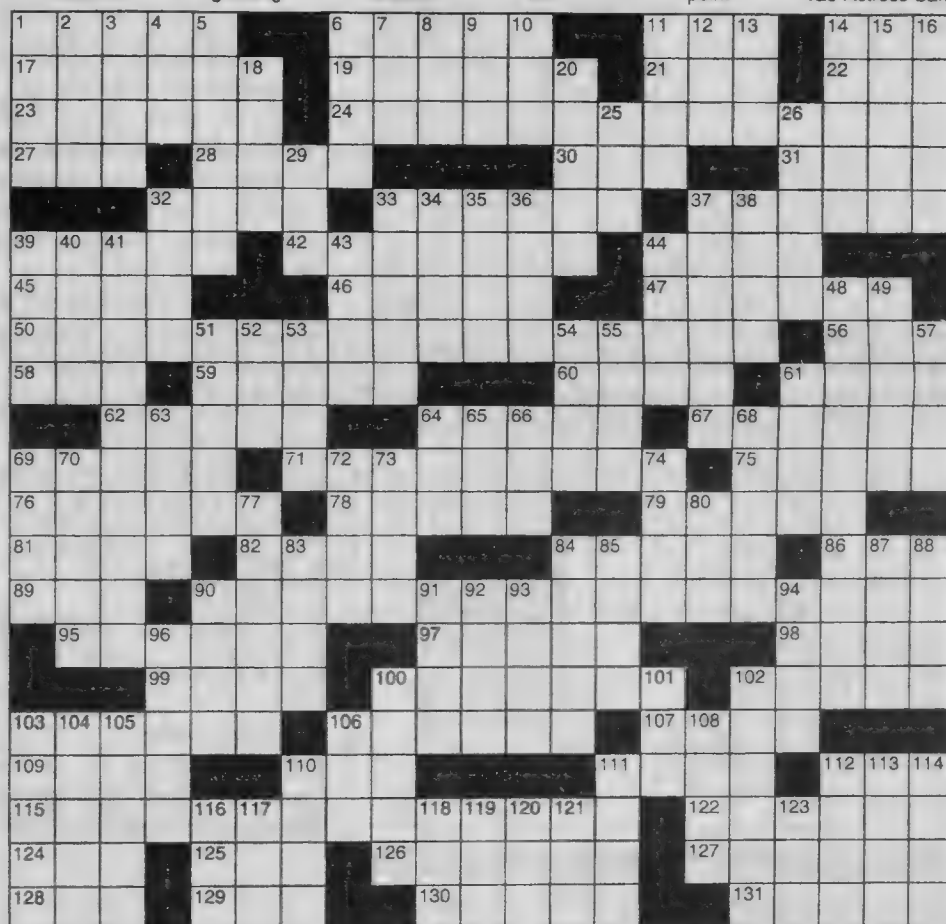
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72 Depend (on)
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80 Boar's beloved
83 Fast-food favorite
84 Pertinent
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90 It'll give you a lift
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The Insane World of Packaging Things That Send us Around the Bend



A Viewpoint by Liz Danielsen

Is there something in your world that just gets your goat once in awhile? At the very top of my list is the way manufacturers package their products these days. I just can't believe things

have gotten so bad that you actually have to buy a special tool to break open the package that encases your most recent acquisition.

You've saved for it, savored the thought of getting it and now that you finally have it in your hands you have to have a hissy-fit before you can get into it. Now that drives me right around the bend. And it makes wonder if enough is being done about it.

I came back to Ontario almost five years ago after a 25 year sojourn in the Northwest Territories (NWT). The NWT is playing catch-up with its recycling and handling of solid waste. They're doing their level best and are becoming more and more progressive but the fact remains that shipping costs are astronomical and recycling companies are few and far between. People there are in the infant stages of recycling and bad habits abound.

So it's been a learning experience for me and I've been working hard to change my errant ways. Separating paper, plastics and bottles for recycling and learning to reduce our waste overall can be quite a challenge and not only on a personal level. How often do I listen to municipalities and the County Council discussing their landfills, recycling and waste management problems? Almost every single council meeting, is the answer.

In the spring of 1989 the Canadian Council of Ministers of the Environment (CCME) formally acknowledged the magnitude of the waste management problem in Canada

and set a goal to reduce waste generation by 50 percent by the year 2000. CCME commissioned a Task Force to develop a policy on packaging. The National Packaging Protocol was completed in 1990 and recommended six packaging policies for Canada.

These policies were meant to constitute a plan of action with specific waste reduction targets and schedules. The goal was to reduce the burden of packaging waste through what was hoped to be three achievable targets: 20 percent by 1992, 35 percent by 1996 and 50 percent by the year 2000.

What are these six policies you ask? 1. All packaging shall have minimum effects on the environment. 2. Priority will be given to the management of packaging through source reduction, reuse and recycling. 3. A continuing campaign of information and education will be undertaken to make all Canadians aware of the function and environmental impacts of packaging. 4. These policies will apply to all packaging used in Canada, including imports. 5. Regulations will be implemented as necessary to achieve compliance with these policies. 6. All government policies and practices affecting packaging will be consistent with these national policies.

Now, there is no doubt that terrific strides are being made with recycling and waste management initiatives are reducing the size of our landfills and levels of hazardous wastes dramatically.

I have to ask though, with all the policies and terrific strides being made, why products are being encased in more and more plastic. Why can't I get the packaging off my new toothbrush? Why must every small

household tool be enshrined in plastic? Why do companies get to make a profit on the sale of a tool that you actually need to be able to break into your latest purchase? Tools with names like "The Plastic Surgeon or Open-X." Although I haven't bought one yet, I wonder just how this special tool is packaged. Will I need another tool to get into it?

For a while I actually thought for some strange reason my hands were getting weaker. But no, the packaging is just getting more and more stubborn and impossible to

open.

Why, when you buy vitamins is the bottle only one quarter full? If you buy a small accessory for your computer it comes in a package big enough to hold the largest edition of Webster's dictionary. Why, when I'm finished opening my mail is there twice as much waste as there is mail? And quite often when you order a single item on line it comes in a box large enough to house a new wardrobe.

It makes me wonder just how well our National Packaging Protocol is really working. One of the things that manufacturing companies are being tasked with is source reduction which requires the elimination of packaging or reduction of the weight, volume and toxicity of packaging. That sure doesn't seem to be the case from what I've experienced. It seems like a great deal more unnecessary plastic is dominating retail packaging.

Environment Canada has a program called Environmental Choice. It's a program that allows manufacturers to submit their products for testing to see how significantly the development of the product has reduced negative impacts on the environment. The program has looked at hundreds of products from reduced-pollution water-based paints, newsprint from recycled paper and heat recovery ventilators to reusable cloth diapers, water conserving products and energy efficient lights.

A lot of emphasis is being placed on products becoming more and more environmentally friendly and there is no doubt that's a good thing for everyone. But is enough thought being put into the package that houses those products. I don't think so.

That's my story and I'll stick to it until it gets a little easier to open my latest purchase. ■



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It's in the Stars

BORN THIS WEEK: Your willingness to share your love of life's good things brings joy to many, including, of course, yourself.

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Taking advice isn't always easy for self-assured Rams and Ewes who think they know what's best. But it wouldn't hurt to listen to what close colleagues have to say.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You know how to balance life's practical aspects with the poetic. This gives you a special edge this week in both your professional endeavors and your personal life.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Focus on keeping a balance between your home-related activities and your workplace responsibilities. Be mindful of both without obsessing over one or the other.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A change in plans is likely as you discover more facts about a possible commitment. Continue to ask questions and, if you're not sure about the answers, demand proof.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Be careful not to let that Leonine pride keep you from seeking wise, experienced counsel before making an important decision. A family member once again seeks your help.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) That surge of Virgo energy drives you to take on more work assignments. Be careful you don't overdo it, or you might find yourself overdone: i.e., burned out.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Your decision to be upfront with colleagues on a touchy matter causes some consternation at first. But in the end, your honesty wins their trust and admiration.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) As in the past, someone again wants to share a secret with you, knowing it will be safe. But do you really want to be this person's confidante? Think about it.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) As one of nature's straight shooters, you seek to correct misconceptions about a project. Do so, of course, but without giving away too much too soon.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Creative pursuits continue to be strong in the gifted Goat's aspect. New friendships can come from sharing these experiences with like-minded art aficionados.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Resolve lingering grumblings over your way of doing things by keeping your mind open to suggestions while continuing to show how your plans will work.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) The perceptive Piscean might find that changing course in midstream isn't as workable as it would seem. Explore this option carefully before making a decision.

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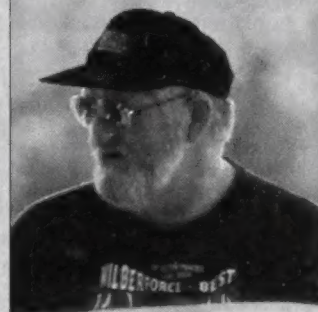
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In Memory

IN MEMORY

MOTHER'S I am my Mother's garden. I am her legacy- and I hope today she feels the love reflected back from me. ~ For those who have lost their mothers.~ If Roses Grew in Heaven ~ Lord please pick a bunch for me. Place them in my Mother's arms and tell her they're from me. Tell her I love her and miss her, and when she turns to smile, place a kiss upon her cheek and hold her for awhile. Because remembering her is easy, I'll do it every day, but there's an ache within my heart that will never go away. **In Memory of ELLA BEAVER (May 8th 2000)** may b 08

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Little Gull Lake; west exposure, cozy 3 bed viceroi, level lot, 4 season cottage/home on a nice lake near Minden. must be seen.

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Charming three-bedroom home, 2-storey home in a great neighborhood. Features include separate dining room, large living room, modern kitchen, lovely yard. Two sunrooms, one at front & one at back overlooking the river, 2 pc wash room behind carport for summer use only. Deck at water. Home is on town services, plus close to hospital & school.

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1450 sq. ft. 4 bedroom bungalow with renovated kitchen, new steel roof & solarium, close to public boat launch on Halls & Hawk Lakes. Deeded access to Kennis River off Big Hawk Lake Rd.

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Kushog Lake - \$434,000

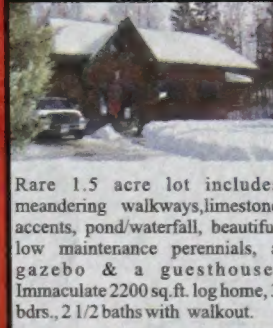
Lovely maple trees provide a park like setting for this 3 bedroom Viceroi style cottage. Open concept living room and kitchen, window corner breakfast nook, vaulted ceiling finished in pine. Large deck overlooking lake. Easy year round access.

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Peach Lake - \$469,900

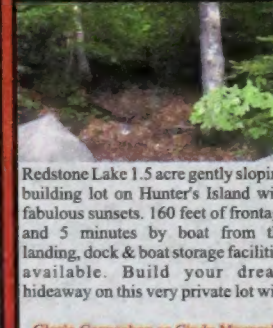
Exceptional 3 bedroom and den cottage/home with 307 feet frontage on a pristine lake. Very private with western exposure. Bunkie and metal storage shed. Propane and wood fireplaces with main floor laundry. Natural lot with no grass to cut. Viceroi style with low E windows.

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Events

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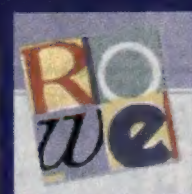
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4. The Epiphany celebrates their visitation. Answer: _____
5. The founder of Christian Science. Answer: _____
6. The ancient Christian church of Egypt as known as the _____ Church. Answer: _____

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7. The official name of the "Black Friars." Answer: _____
8. Festival celebrating the descent of the Holy Spirit on the disciples. Answer: _____
9. The 1378 split in the papacy is known by this term. Answer: _____

ANSWERS: 1. Mormons. 2. St. Patrick. 3. Gideons. 4. The Magi (wise men). 5. Mary Baker Eddy. 6. Coptic. 7. Dominicans (The Order of Preachers). 8. Pentecost. 9. The Great Schism.

SCORING: 18 points - congratulations, doctor; 15 to 17 points - honors graduate; 10 to 14 points - you're plenty smart, but no grind; 4 to 9 points - you really should hit the books harder; 1 point to 3 points - enroll in remedial courses immediately; 0 points - who reads the questions to you?

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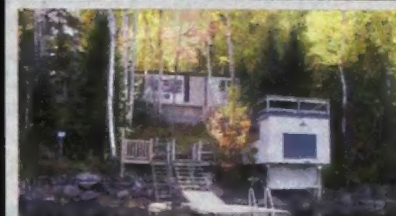
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